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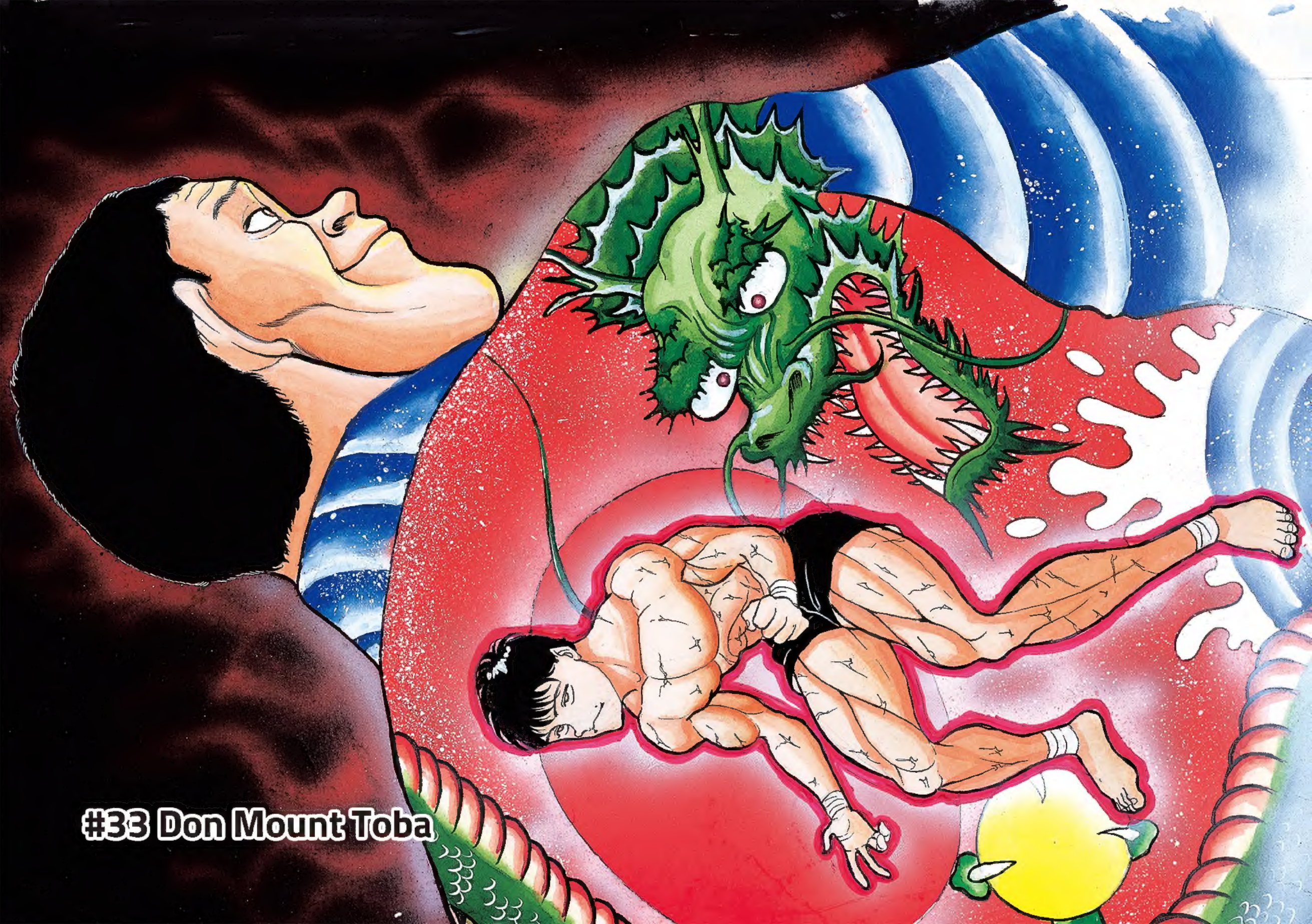
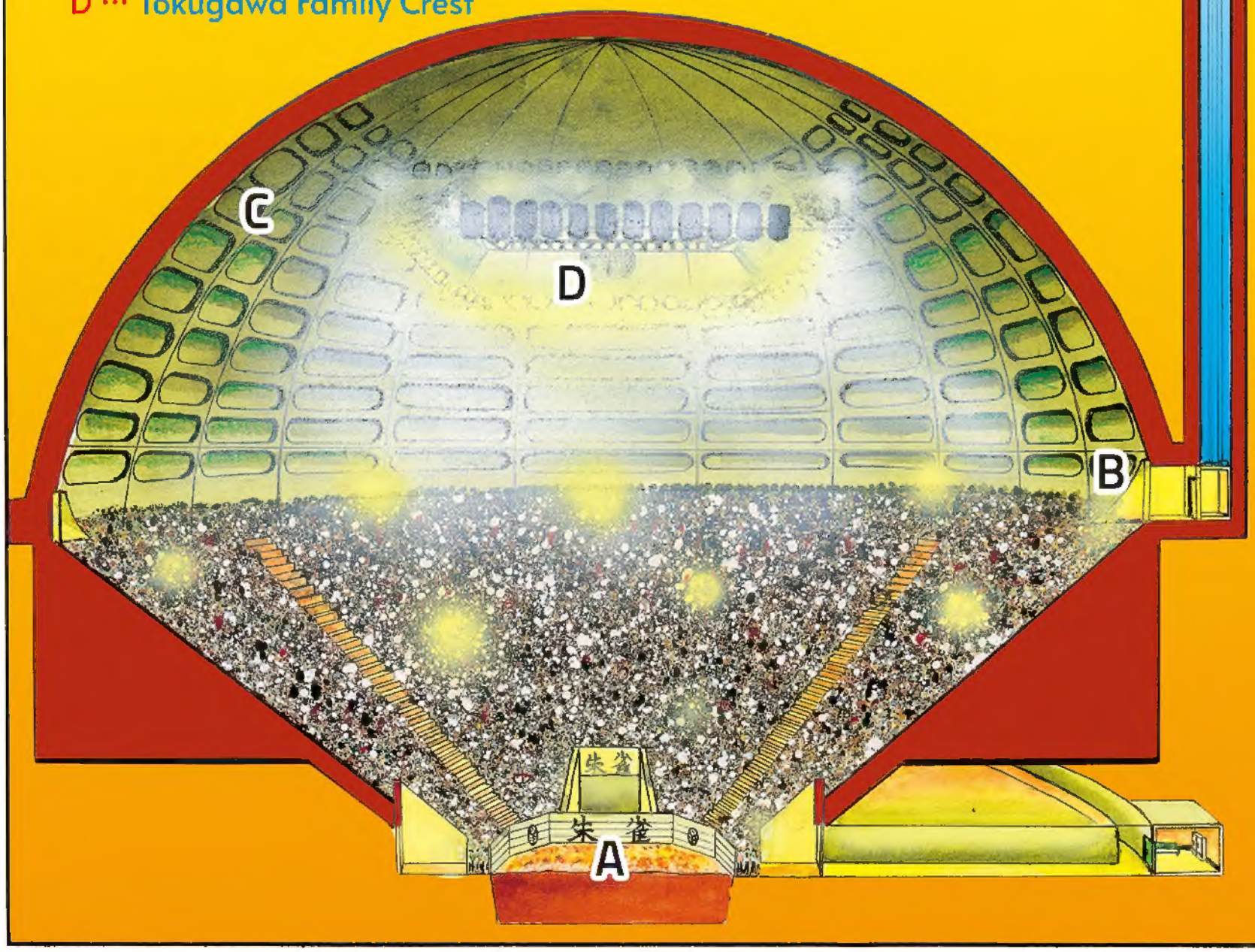


#33 Don Mount Toba

TOKYO DOME UNDERGROUND FIGHTING ARENA [Imagined Cross Section]

Built in 1985, 6th Basement Floor
Volume: 320.000m³; Capacity: 1,500 people

A ··· Special Martial Arts Ring: An octagon 10-meters in diameter.
Surrounded by a martial arts fence.
B ··· High-Speed Elevators: 18 installed
C ··· Polyethylene Resin-Processed Soundproof Roof
D ··· Tokugawa Family Crest



KORAKU FIGHTING ARENA COMPETITOR RULES

- The use of weapons is prohibited.
- The arena assumes no responsibility for injuries or suffering sustained.
- No physical or financial awards shall be given.
- Those who attain the rank of champion shall have their names enshrined here forever.

1635, Twelfth Year of the Kan'ei Era - Tokugawa Mitsukuni

IT'S THE PRO WRESTLER, TOBA!

TH-THAT'S TOBAAAA!

WHAT IS MOUNT TOBA DOING HERE ?!

HEY, HEY, HEY!

I HEARD RUMORS, BUT I REFUSED TO BELIEVE THEM UNTIL I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES...

I DIDN'T THINK THAT HE'D ACTUALLY DO IT...

YOU KNEW THIS WAS GONNA HAPPEN?

OHOOOO!

I THOUGHT THE WHOLE POINT OF THE ARENA WAS *REAL* COMPETITION.

WHAT A JOKE!

PSSH!

NOT THAT OLD BAG!

LIKE HELL HE IS!

YOU ASSUME HE ISN'T A LEGITIMATE CHALLENGER.

YOU'RE SELLING TOBA SHORT.

HEH HEH ...

BAKI DOESN'T DO SCRIPTED FIGHTS!

OSU!

WHAT HAPPENED TO HANADA ?!

YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE HIS PLACE?!

PRAY ALL YOU WANT, HE AIN'T HOLDIN' BACK!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA HERE?!

SHNF

TOBA IS SERIOUS.

KATO, TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THAT.

H-HE'S DOING SQUATS ...
W-WHAT THE HELL?
HINDU SQUATS.

ドピュ
PA-PMP
ドピュ
PA-PMP

PUMP

TOBA'S MUSCLES ...

H-HEY!

PUMP

PUMP

"PUMPING UP" ALLOWS BLOOD TO FLOW INTO A SUBSET OF YOUR MUSCLES, INCREASING BOTH SIZE AND POWER...

HE'S *PUMPING UP!*

I'VE NEVER SEEN AN *ENTIRE HUMAN BODY* PUMP UP LIKE THAT.

HIS HEART MUST BE IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN...

WHOAA! HE GOT HUGE!

HIS ENTIRE BODY BLEW UP!

TOBA!

WHAT THE HELL IS SOMEONE LIKE *YOU* DOING HERE?!

TAEKWONDO 跆拳道

...THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO COME *HERE* AND ACT LIKE YOU OWN THE PLACE!

I DON'T GIVE A SHIT IF YOU BEAT HANADA IN A BRAWL...

HE'S BURNING WITH JEALOUSY.

THAT'S KANEDA—THE FRONTRUNNER FOR THE ARENA'S NEXT CHALLENGER.

KANEDA ...!

IT'S THE TAEKWONDO FIGHTER, KANEDA!

I SIMPLY ISSUED A PUNISHMENT AS THE HEAD OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

I NEVER CHALLENGED HANADA TO A PROPER BOUT.

PLEASE DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

FLINCH...

THAT'S NONE OF MY CONCERN...

WHATEVER HAPPENED, IF HANADA IS OUT, THEN THE TITLE SHOT SHOULD BE *MINE!!!*

THAT'S THE SAME THING!

I'M SIMPLY SUBBING IN FOR HANADA.

I'LL ACCEPT A PROPER MATCH, BUT I ABHOR NEEDLESS VIOLENCE!

NONE OF YOUR CONCERN?! YA THINK THAT'S A GOOD EXCUSE?!

UNHAND ME.

KYEHHH !

GOU

DMT

...

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, KANEDA.

WHAP

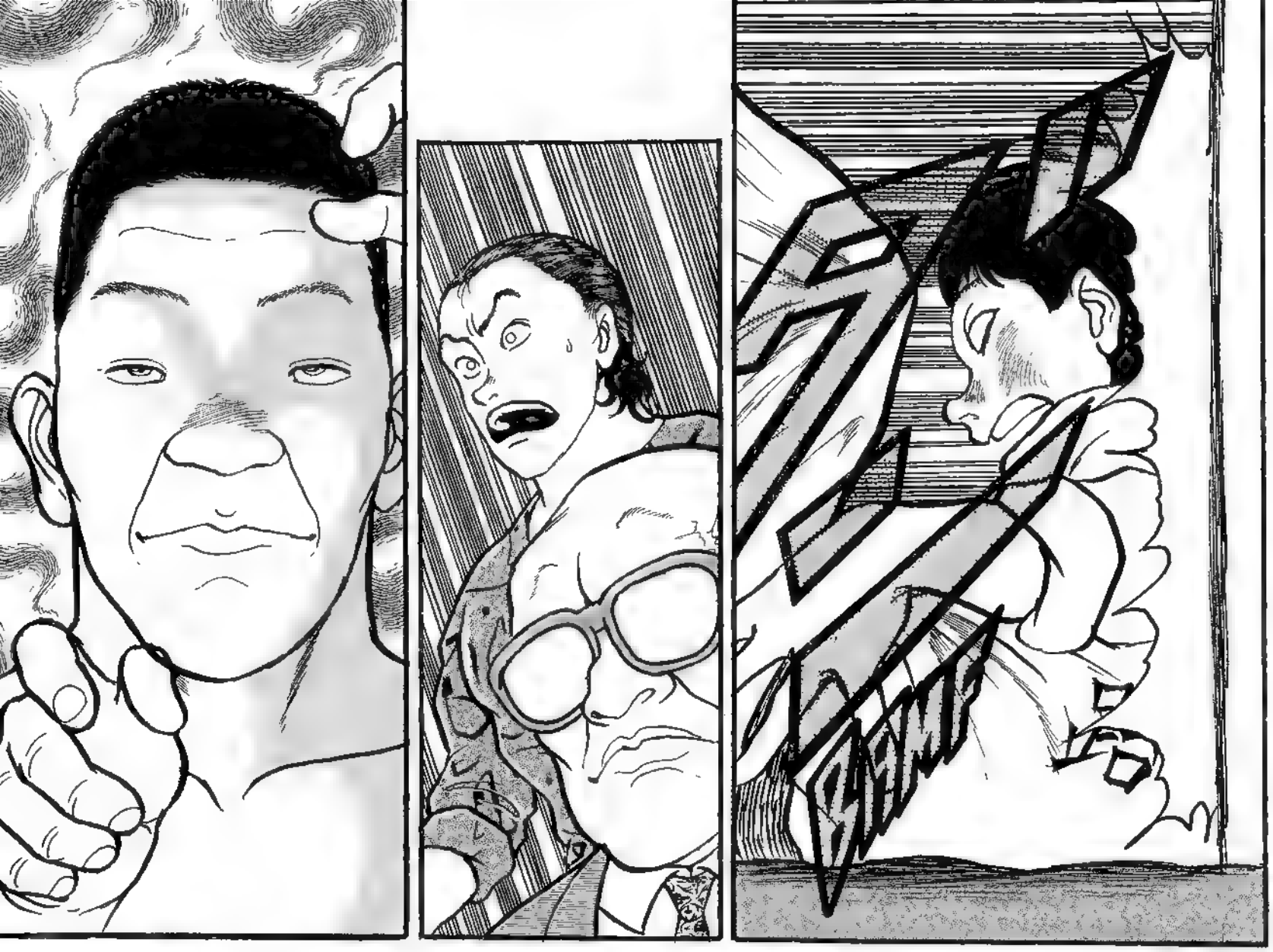
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE ...

TAEKWON 拳道

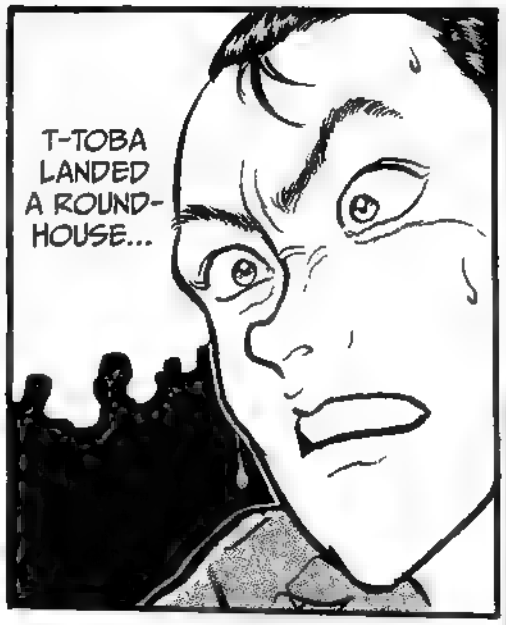
KRA-KOW

TAEKWONDO

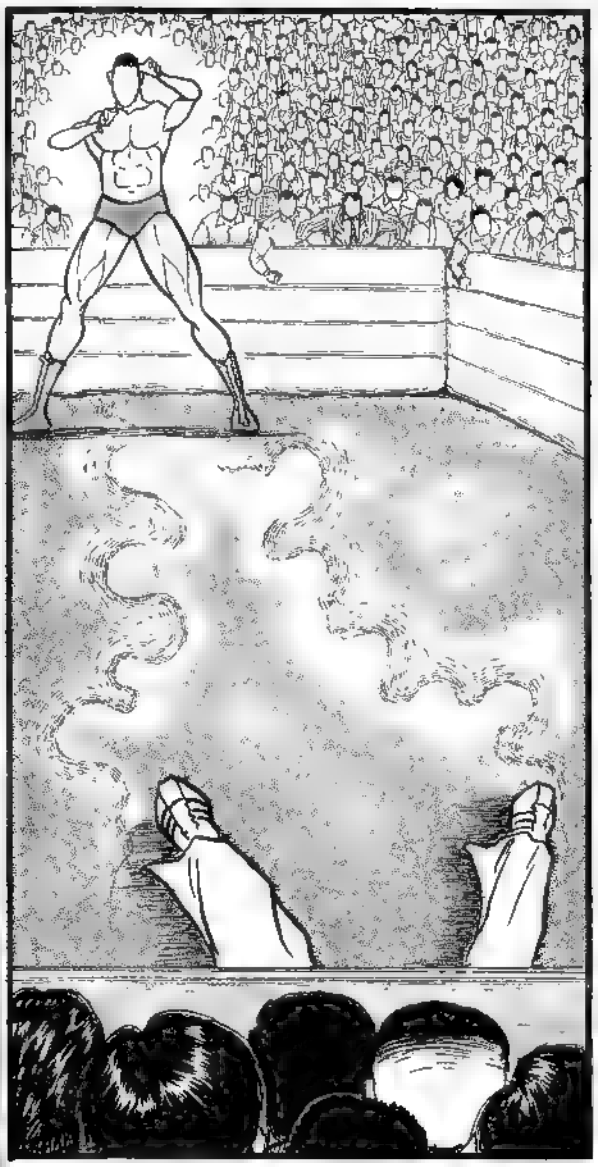
TH-THE 16-MON ROUND-HOUSE KICK!
SHMP
SHMP


Blam!

YOU JUST WITNESSED A RIDICULOUSLY TALENTED MAN, WHO HAS SPENT THIRTY YEARS PERFECTING A SINGLE MARTIAL ART, SHOWCASING HIS TRUE ABILITIES.


T-TOBA LANDED A ROUND-HOUSE...

...IS WHO TOBA IS.
THAT...



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ONLY GOD KNOWS WHAT AWAITS IN HELL...

ALL RIGHT!

IT'S TIME...

...

SHI!

SHI!

WE'RE HEADING OUT!

EXCUSE US, CHAMP! PLEASE MAKE WAY!

...

TMP TMP TMP TMP

C'MON, KEEP HIM STEADY!

TMP TMP TMP

MR. MOTOBE.

QUIT TRYING TO TALK, KANEDA !

...

LET'S HURRY.

...ANT.

GI...

THAT...

#34 The Rampaging Giant

SHI!

SHI!

BAAAKI!

BAAAKI!

TH-THIS IS SOMETHING ELSE, ISN'T IT, SIR?

BAAAKI!
BAAAKI!

BAAAKI!

BAAAKI!

BAAAKI!

IT'S THE CHAMP!

WOO, THERE HE IS! HE'S COMING THIS WAY!

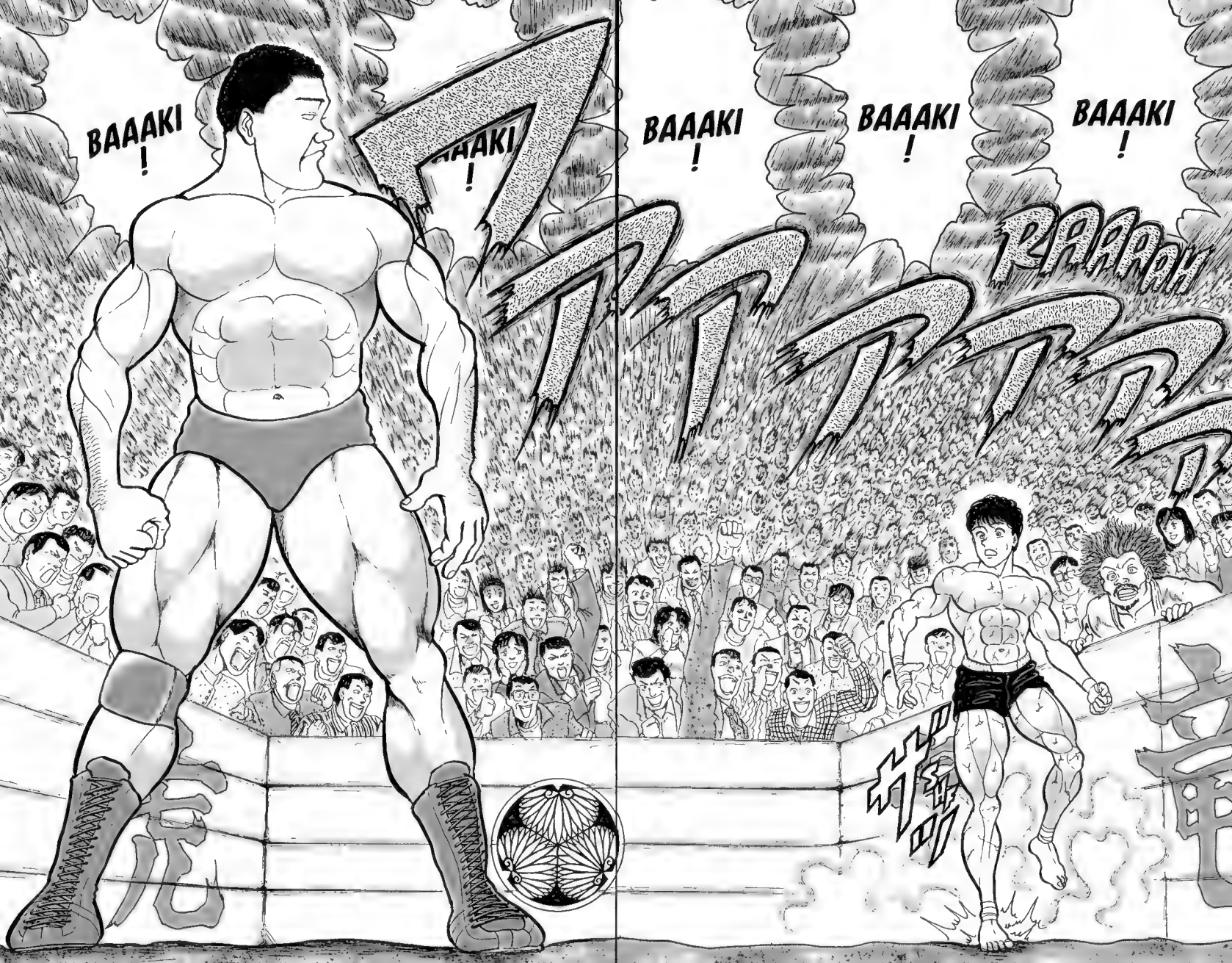
青春

HE MUST BE QUITE THE COMPETITOR ...

WHOA!

C'MON! MAKE WAY!

TMP TMP TMP TMP


BAAAKI !
BAAAKI !
BAAAKI !
BAAAKI !
BAAAKI !
PARARA!

...

IS HE AWARE OF WHAT KIND OF PLACE THIS IS?!

DOES HE KNOW ...?!

OF COURSE THEY'RE SHOCKED... NO ONE WOULD EXPECT TO SEE THE SYMBOL OF JAPANESE PRO WRESTLING STANDING HERE, AFTER ALL.

TH-THAT'S TOBA, ISN'T IT ?!

BOY, WE'RE IN FOR A TREAT!

HANMA-STYLE MARTIAL ARTS VS. PRO-WRESTLING !

PUFF

WHETHER HE KNOWS OR NOT...

...WE STILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS.

TO THE CENTER!

青竜

WEAPONS ARE FORBIDDEN...

...BUT ALL OTHER ATTACKS ARE ALLOWED.

MR. TOBA.

I'VE BEEN A FAN OF YOURS SINCE I WAS LITTLE.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MOUNT TOBA, THE *SPORTS ENTERTAINER.*

THAT TOBA ENGAGES IN MATCHES SIMPLY TO ENTERTAIN SPECTATORS.

...

I'VE COME HERE FOR A *FIGHT.*

AS A GUEST IN THIS RING, I MUST PUT FORWARD MY BEST EFFORT.

...BUT I CANNOT LEAVE HERE UNTIL I HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE TRUE STRENGTH OF PRO-WRESTLING.

THE SPECTATORS MAY NOT FIND IT ENTERTAINING...

I SUGGEST YOU DO THE SAME FOR YOUR STYLE OF FIGHTING.

...

白虎

玄亀

...WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WH...

I'M NOT SURE THAT'S GOING TO WORK AGAINST HIM...

MR. MOTOBE ...

THAT SHOULD DO IT!

BAKI! USE YOUR SPEED TO KEEP HIM OFF BALANCE!

トゥンッ

THUMP

...!

IT'S STARTING ...

B-
BAKI
!!!

DGOOM

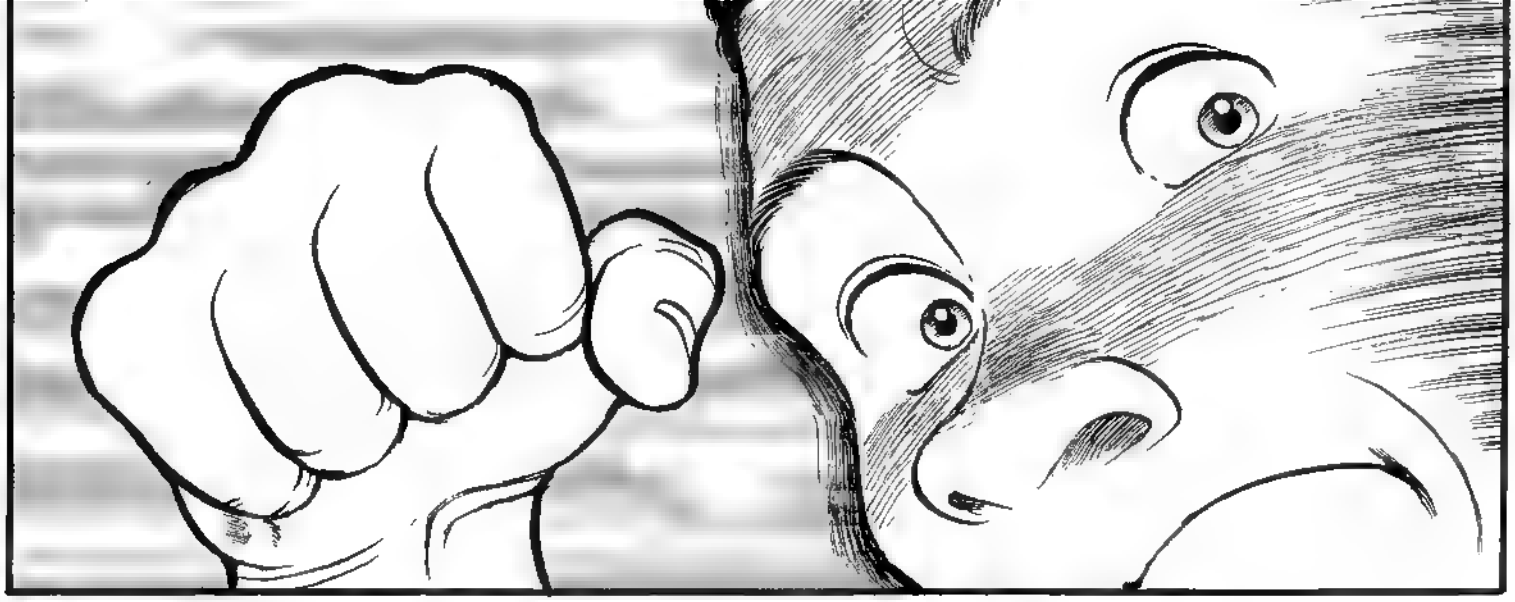
KA-SKRR

!!!

THE *NOTEN KARATAKE WARI*— THE *BRAIN BAMBOO CHOP!*

DMF

BOOM!!
WHAM



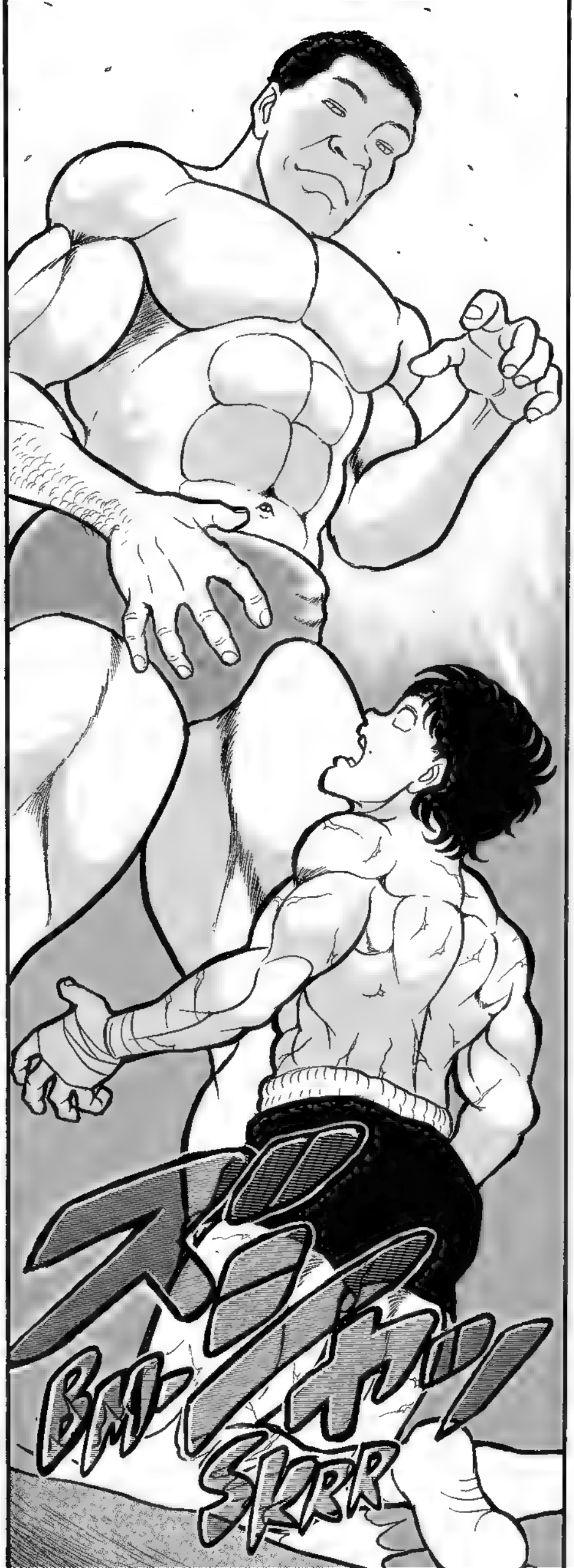
KRA-POW

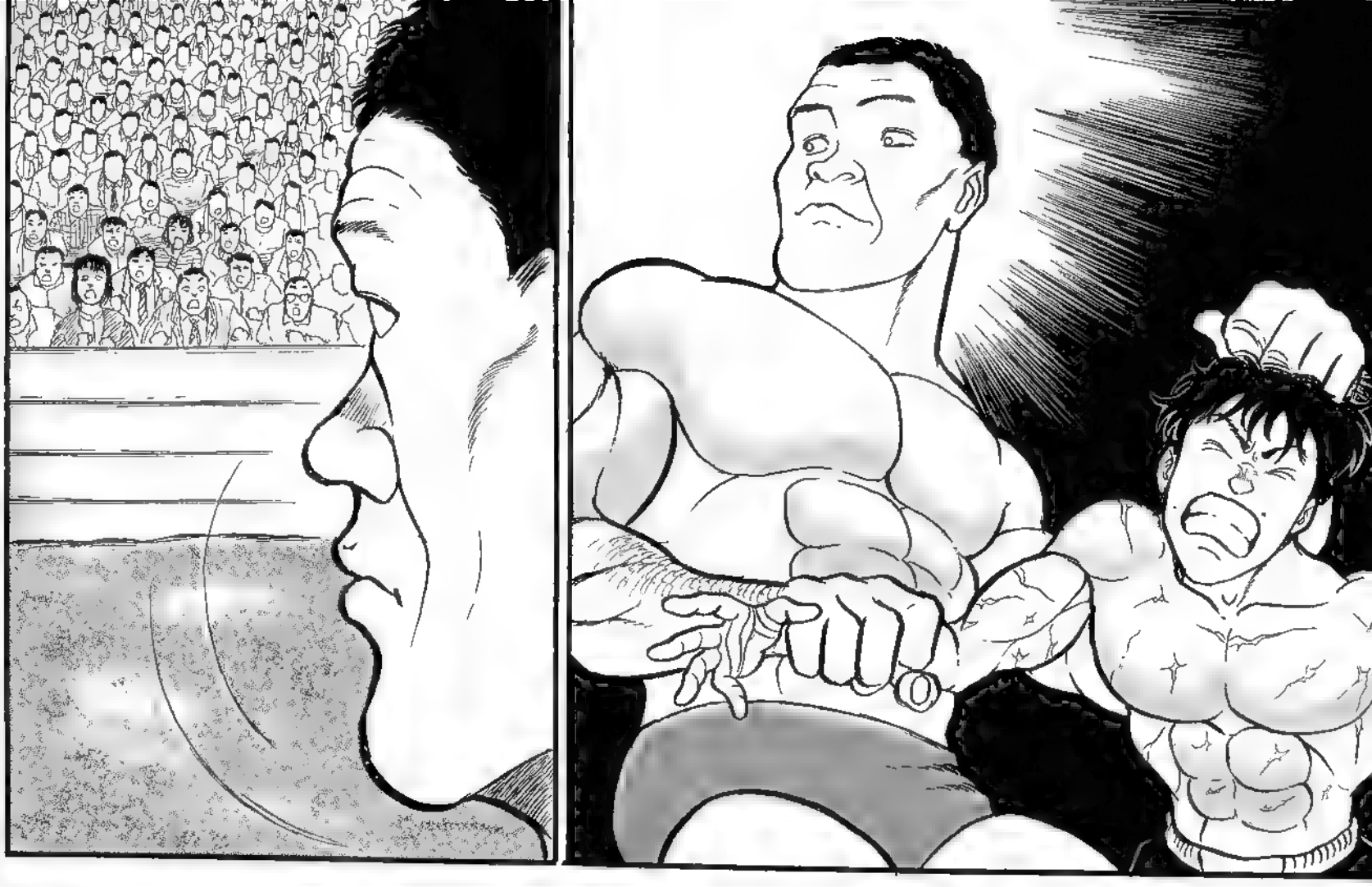
HOLY CRAP, TOBA IS THROWING FULL-BLOWN PUNCHES!

WHAM

HE'S SO STROONG

GRRR


BWOOF!!
SKRR



WHSH
ウォーッ!!
…

SHF

BAKI IS NOTHING TO HIM!
HE'S SO STRONG!!!

#35 An Unforgivable Defeat

KA-BSH

WHOO-
OOA!

BAKI IS
NOTHING
TO HIM!

GWOO

STAMP

IF ANY OF THOSE HITS LAND, HE'S A GONER!

HE'S SO STRONG!

!!!

...

BAM!

...!

畢

DAH!

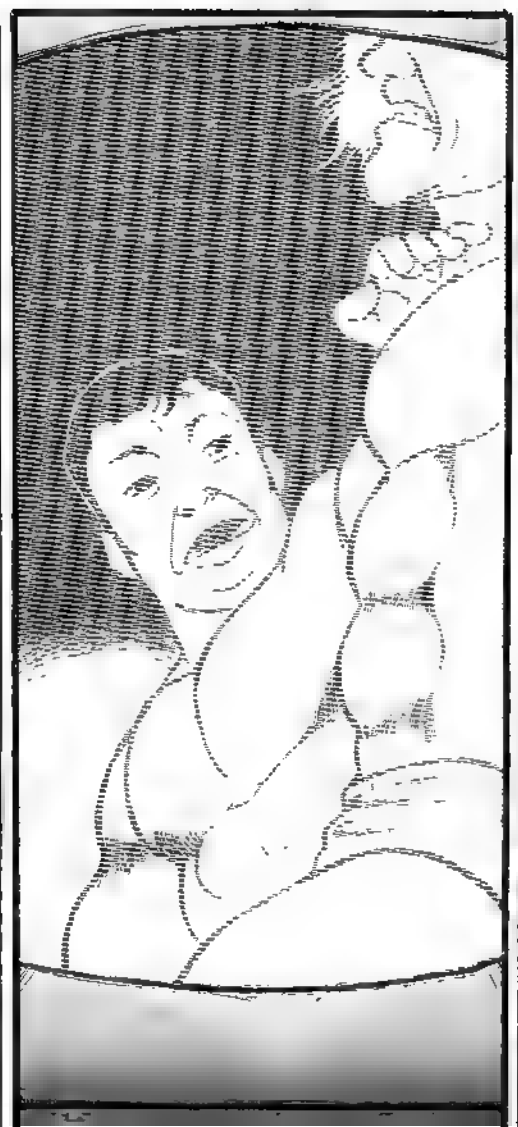
BAM!

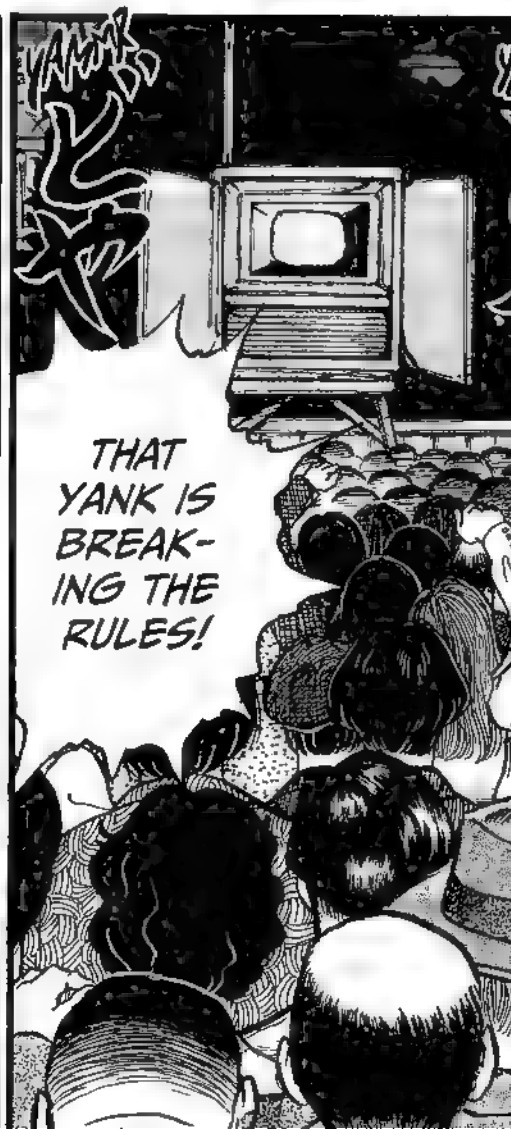
BAM!

BAM!

YOU'RE FIGHTIN' DIRTY, YA DAMN YANK!
ATTABOY, RIKIGOZAN!
YAMMR
YAMMR
YAMMR

IT'S THE KARATE CHOP!
RAW




YAMM
THAT YANK IS BREAK-ING THE RULES!

S-
SORRY,
SIR...

HEY!
DOWN IN
FRONT,
YOU BIG
DOOFUS!

OHO.

...

NO, SIR...

LOOKIN' TO GET STRONGER ?

AND WHY EXACTLY DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?

...

HOW EXACTLY DO YOU EXPECT TO MAKE IT AS A PRO-WRESTLER IF YOU DON'T GET STRONGER?

I SEE ...

I WANT TO BRING PEOPLE JOY!

BRAP

JUST WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK PRO-WRESTLING IS?!

THIS AIN'T THE FUCKING CIRCUS, DUMBASS!

...AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD BE SAYING TO YOU.

S-SORRY, SIR!!

TRUTH BE TOLD, YOU CAN EVEN BE A SHITTY FIGHTER.

NONE OF IT MATTERS, AS LONG AS YOU CAN KEEP THE FANS WATCH-ING.

THE WORLD OF PRO-WRESTLING REVOLVES AROUND PLEASING THE FANS.

UNFOR-TUNATELY, YOU AREN'T EXACTLY WRONG.

HURRY UP AND GET THIS KID A TRACKSUIT!

YOU'RE IN!

ALRIGHT!

WOOO

SPLAT

HE'S EVEN BIGGER THAN A FOREIGNER!

WOOOOW!

Y-YES, H-HE GOT INTO IT WITH A GANGSTER... AT A C-CLUB...

THE BOSS GOT STABBED?!

WHAAAT?!

STABBED TO DEATH BY A THUG!!!

RIKIGOZAN DEAD!

FIGHTS LIKE THAT DON'T PLAY OUT LIKE THEY DO IN THE RING.

BOSS WAS OUTTA HIS MIND, PICKING A FIGHT WITH A YAKUZA LIKE THAT.

HE SHOULD'VE STUCK TO SCRIPTED BOUTS.

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS TO PRO-WRESTLERS IN A REAL FIGHT.

THE BOSS WAS WRONG!!!

HE'S BEEN A DIFFERENT PERSON SINCE THE BOSS DIED.

WHAT'S UP WITH TOBA?

WRESTLERS SHOULD **NEVER** LOSE IN A FIGHT, NO MATTER WHAT!

PRO-WRESTLERS SHOULD ALWAYS BE STRONG, EVEN OUTSIDE OF THE RING!

HE'S TURNING THE GYM INTO A SWIMMING POOL.

DEFEAT OUTSIDE THE RING IS NEVER ALLOWED!

DOOF

A PRO-WRESTLER IS DEFINED BY THEIR PERFORMANCE IN A FIGHT!!!

プロレス

...BUT THE NOTION OF A MERE UNDERCARD FIGHTER LIKE YOU REPRESENTING OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION?

NOT JUST THAT ...

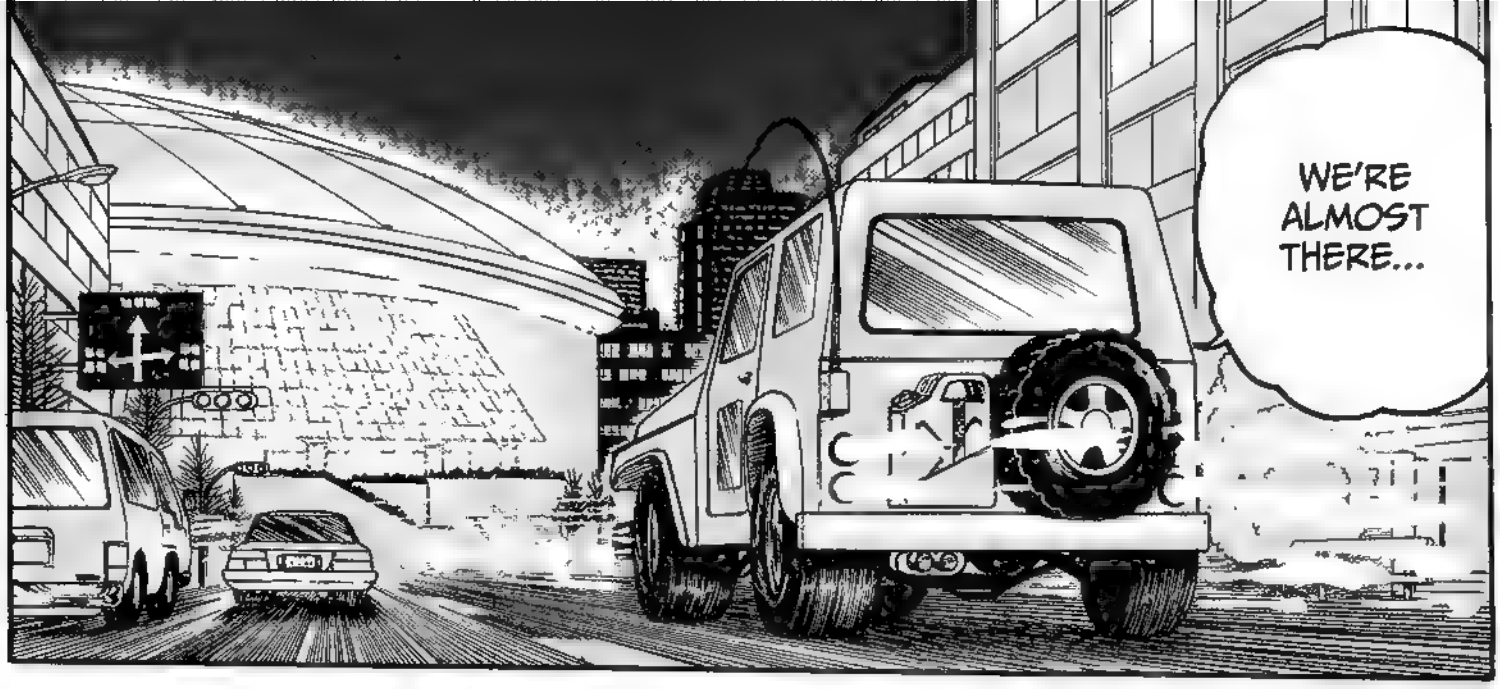
YOU'VE TAKEN PRO-WRESTLING FOR GRANTED.

YOU NEED THIRTY MORE YEARS OF TRAINING BEFORE THAT'LL HAPPEN !!!

WOOOO

I'M JUST ABOUT...

...READY TO *SNAP.*


WE'RE ALMOST THERE...

...YUJIRO.

#36 Attack the Vitals!

NOT JUST THAT, HE'S SEVERAL TIMES BIGGER THAN BAKI, AND HE'S USING THAT MASSIVE BODY TO DO SOME SNEAKY ATTACKS! HE'S GONE FULL HEEL!

TOBA IS THROWING KICKS LIKE A BLACK BELT, DELIVERING PUNCHES LIKE A HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, AND DOING BRIDGES LIKE A WRESTLER HALF HIS AGE.

BAKI MUST BE FEELING DUPED RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

ZM...

THE FACE!

MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO GO FOR THE VITAL AREAS AROUND HIS FACE !!!

SHOOM

THAT'LL ONLY WORK IF I CAN MAKE HIM LURCH OVER, THOUGH...

WHEE

WHEE OO

OOF

DISH

PWK

AH...

NICE!
HE STEPPED IN!!

...!

DO OF

WHF

BLAZING
FIST!!

OH, WHAT POWER!
YEAH! HE LANDED ONE RIGHT ON HIS FACE!
BRAK
CRASH

RAH

BRAK

GA

HE'S GOT HIM NOW! BAKI WITH THE RUSH-DOWN!

...

HOW-EVER ...

HEH HEH... HE IS THE CHAMP, AFTER ALL ...

BISH

BISH

THERE'S HIS TEMPLE!

UWOOO

TOTTR...
NOW, TO PUT MY...

H-HE CUT HIM!!!

...FULL WEIGHT BEHIND THIS...

DGOOM
SHF
DOOMF
WSH

HE DID IT!

BAKIIII !

THAT MORON.

SHWE
SHE

WHIRL
...
SHOOM

...
DMF

SUMP ガッ

I KNEW IT...

HIS RESISTANCE TO BLOWS AND BLOOD LOSS IS LEAGUES BEYOND YOUR AVERAGE MARTIAL ARTIST.

THAT'S A HELLUVA OF A JUMPING BACK-KICK!!

U- UNBELIEV- ABLE...

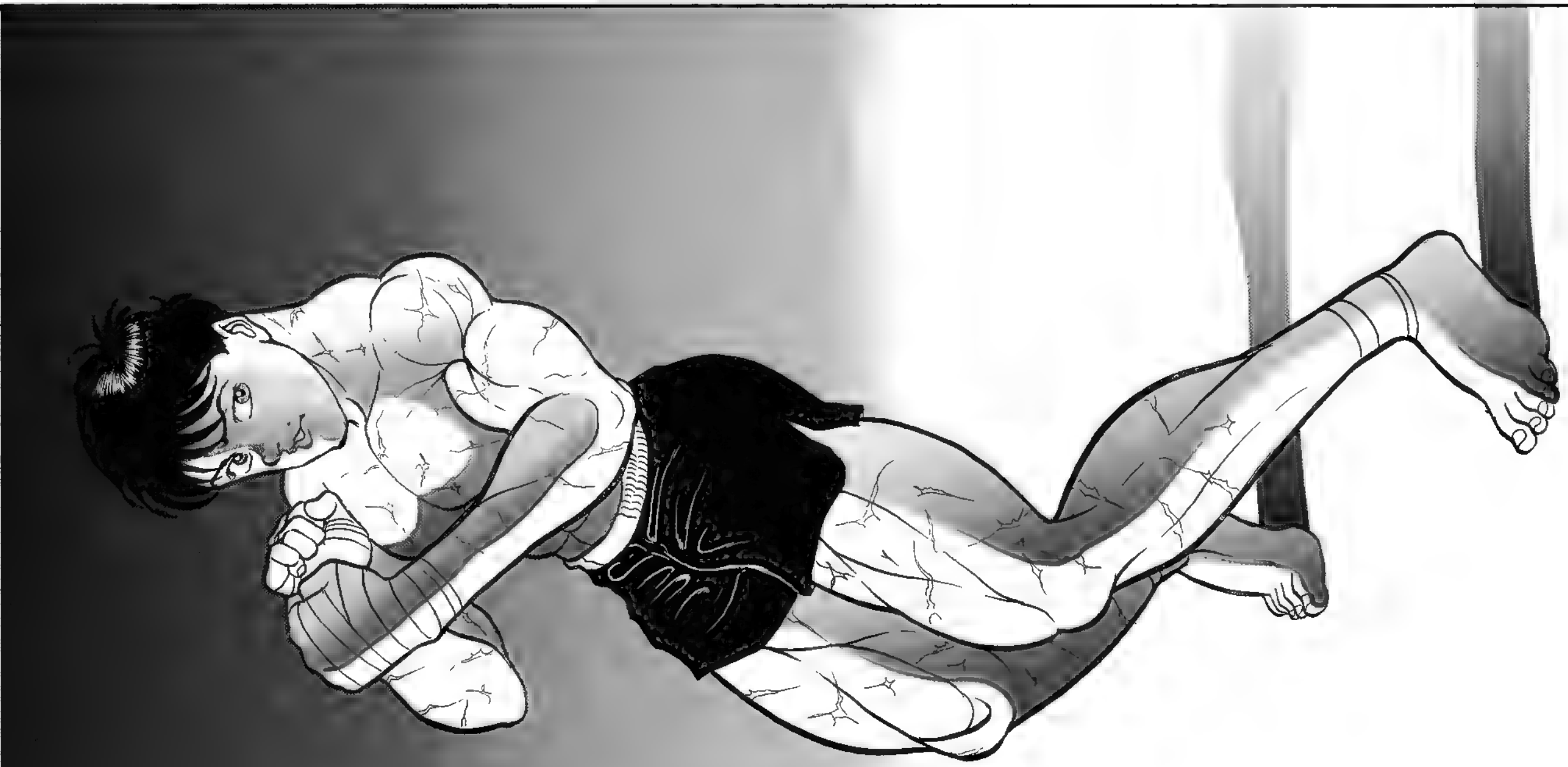
HE HASN'T MATURED AT ALL.

HE'S ONLY GETTING BEAT LIKE THAT BECAUSE HE'S STILL TREATING TOBA LIKE AN AVERAGE WRESTLER...

IS THERE *ANYTHING* THAT'LL WORK AGAINST HIM?!

...

SHOOM



#37 The Demon's Memory

IS THERE ANYTHING THAT'LL WORK AGAINST HIM?!

...

SHOOM

GRAB

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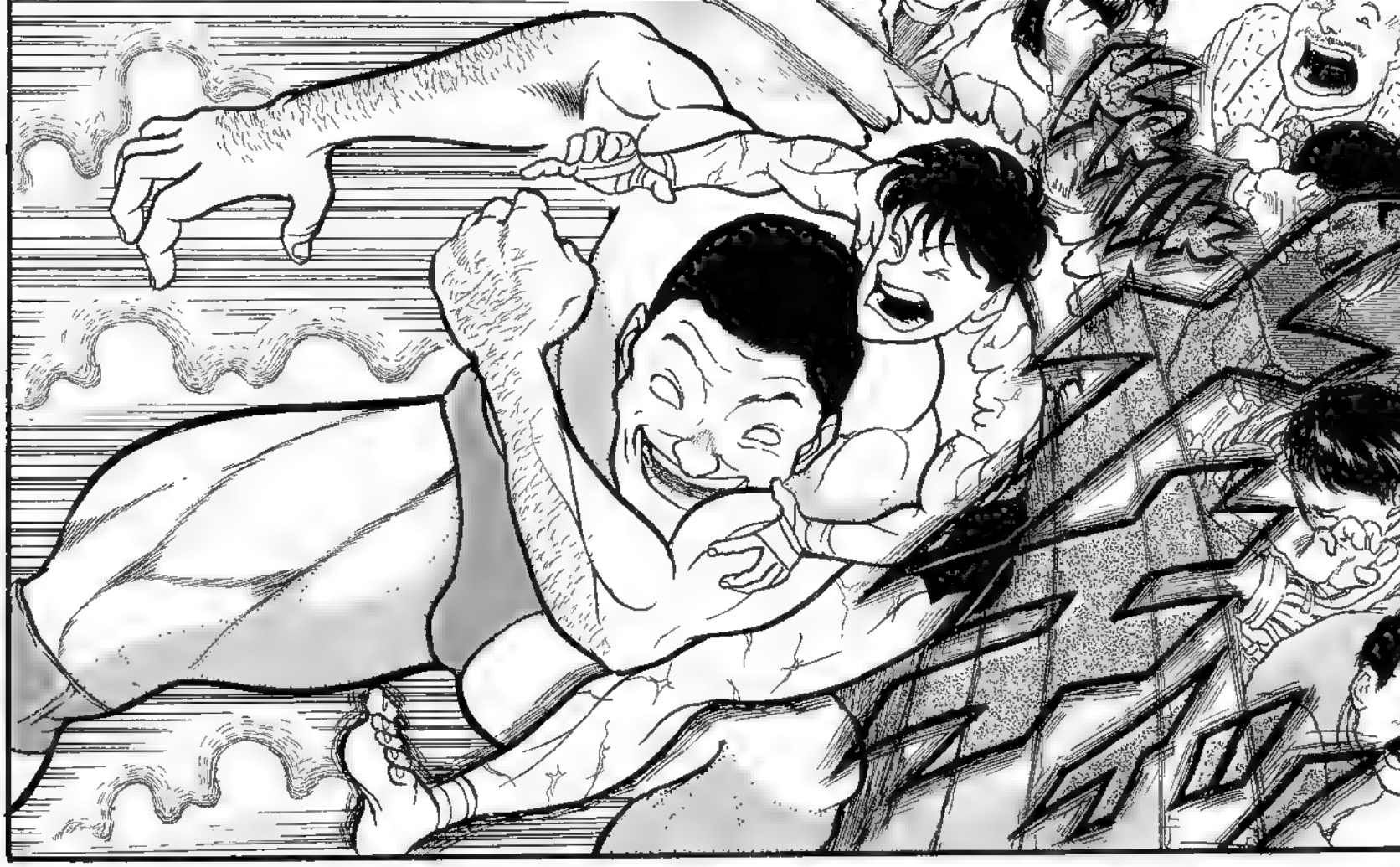
BAKIII!
WATCH
OUT!!!

DASH



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PAH

TOBA'S LOSING IT!

HOLY CRAP! HE CAN'T HANDLE PUNISHMENT LIKE THAT!

CRUSH

THE GIANT DEVIL.

DAMN, IS THAT *REALLY* TOBA?

WHEN I MADE MY SECOND TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES, THAT'S WHAT THEY CALLED HIM OVER THERE...

WHAT'D YOU JUST SAY...?

CRUSH

AFTER THE WAR, HE ATTEMPTED TO ERASE THE WEAK AND COWARDLY REPUTATION THAT JAPAN HAD GARNERED...

...THAT'S WHAT THE AMERICANS SAW TOBA AS.

THE FEARED DEMON FROM THE ORIENT...

...BY WINNING EVERY BOUT HE TOOK ON.

AFTER THE WAR, HE PERFORMED WITH A BRIGHT AND POSITIVE WRESTLING STYLE...

HIS REPUTATION WAS SUCH THAT EVEN THE CHAMPION OF THE TIME, LOU THESZ, KEPT HIS DISTANCE.

...BUT THAT YOUNG UPSTART, HANADA...

...LIT A FLAME IN THE...

...DEMON OF THE ORIENT.

WOOO

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SQUEEZE

...

WHIP

A-A SLEEPER HOLD!

KAI-

!!!

SUP

カ!!
GR

...

SQUISH

SQUISH

THE CROSS FACE CHICKEN WING...

HE'S DEAD MEAT IF THEY DON'T STOP THE MATCH...

THIS IS HOPE-LESS.

TH...

IT'S A SHAME, BUT THIS MATCH IS OVER, YUJIRO.

...

...

...

...
STRYDOM?

DOES IT REALLY SEEM THAT WAY TO YOU...

EVEN AT HIS WORST, BAKI IS STILL *MY KID.*

...IMPOSSIBLE.

GIVEN THE DIFFERENCE IN PHYSICAL STRENGTH, ESCAPING A HOLD LIKE THAT IS...

...

I DIDN'T TRAIN HIM TO GIVE IN TO SOMETHING AS WEAK AS THAT!

DEFEAT ...?

CHIBANA-STYLE KEMPO DOJ

IN MARTIAL ARTS, DEFEAT MEANS DEATH.

THAT'S RIGHT.

I HAVE ARRIVED!

NEVER FORGET THAT...

HEH HEH...

...

...ARE YOU HERE?

AND WHY EXACTLY ...

GRAK

WHOA! W-WHA ...?!

WHAT THE FUCK ?!

...

...

SEAR THIS INTO YOUR EYES!

KRAK

UNDER-STAND, BAKI?!

IN THE WORLD OF MARTIAL ARTS, THIS IS WHAT DEFEAT LOOKS LIKE!!!

STOP THIS...

S...

S...

PLEASE STOP!!!

STOP!!!

FLARE

W-WHY, YOU...

HOLY CRAP! BAKI BIT HIM!!!

!

WHAM

NGH ...!

CHMP

...

THAT'S NOT GONNA WORK *AT ALL,* MR. TOBA.

PTOO

URK!

ZIIII

BAM

...MR. TOBA.

THAT'S NOT GONNA WORK *AT ALL...*

#38 Aim for the Extremities

...

ガバッ

NGH ...!

P- TOO!

SHWAK
青竜
青竜

BAKI'S GETTING SERIOUS NOW!

HE BIT HIS OWN TONGUE AND USED THE BLOOD TO BLIND HIM!

THE GIANT ELBOWWW !!!

SHOOM

SHF

PWOOM

YOU DESERVE PRAISE FOR BEING TENACIOUS ENOUGH TO USE YOUR OWN BLOOD TO BLIND YOUR OPPONENT!

BUT MY BODY HAS ENDURED HITS FOR THIRTY YEARS STRAIGHT!

STRIKES AREN'T GOING TO BRING ME DOWN!!!

BWF

SHWSS

POW

WHAK

HE PARRIED THE JAB WITH HIS FIST!

THUNGE

WHAM
WHIP
WHAM

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WOOOO
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STRIKE!!

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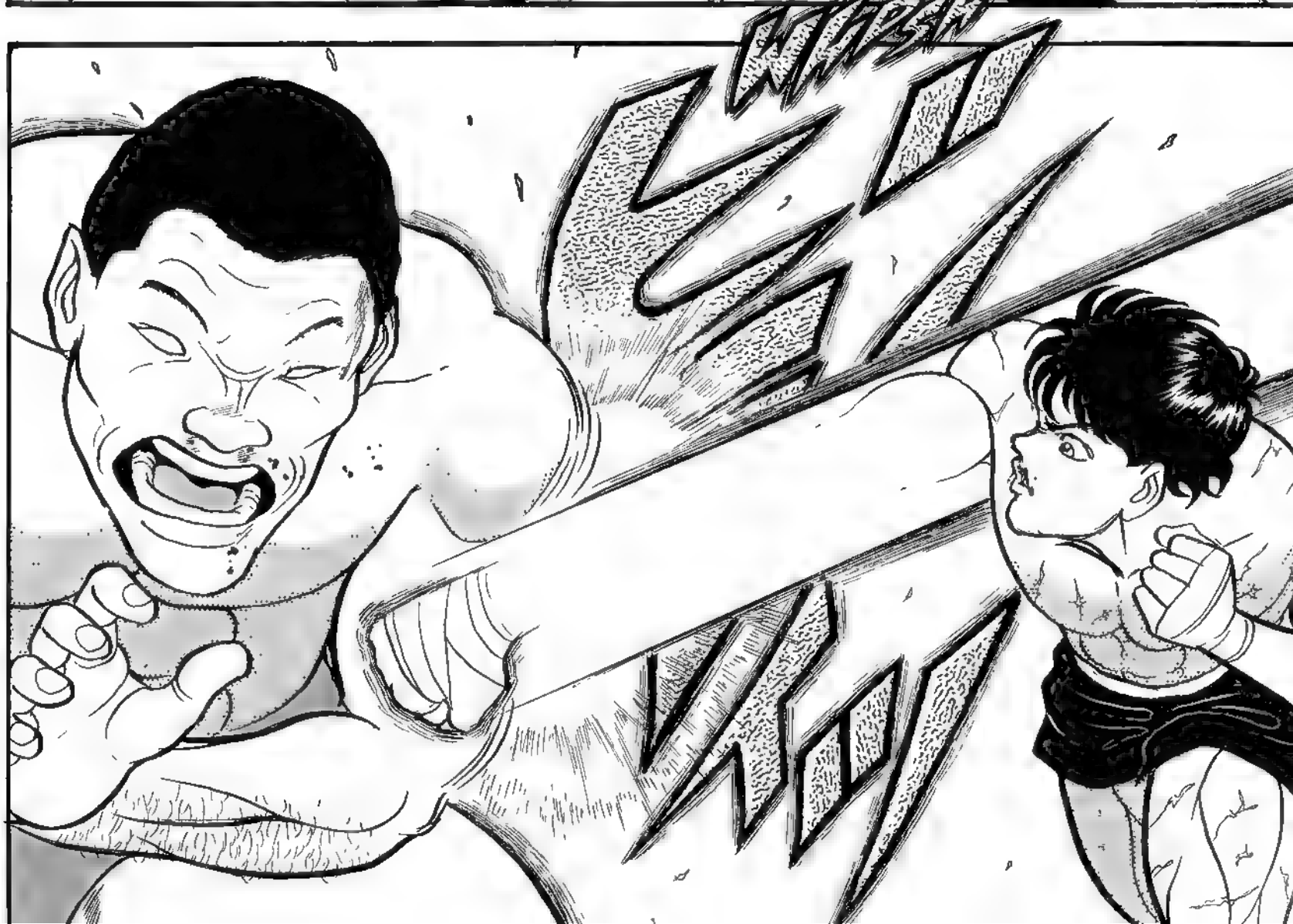
WHOSH
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ガッ!!
SHNK

BAKI'S SHIFTING HIS FOCUS FROM THE CORE TO HIS EXTREMITIES!
OOH! I-IT'S WORKING!
KRMB
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I'M SURPRISED HE MANAGED TO FIGURE THAT OUT DESPITE BEING IN SUCH DIRE STRAITS.

WITH A RANGE DIFFERENCE LIKE THAT, IT'S DIFFICULT TO TARGET THE *SEICHUSEN** OF YOUR OPPONENT.

*SEICHUSEN: AN IMAGINARY LINE RUNNING THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE BODY

HE HAD TO GO THROUGH TOO MUCH TO FIGURE IT OUT.

EVEN THOUGH HE'S STILL A *TADPOLE* TO YOU...

AS THE JAPANESE SAY, "THE SON OF A FROG IS STILL A FROG"...

IF THAT WAS ME DOWN THERE, I WOULD'VE KILLED TOBA IN TEN SECONDS, FLAT!

ATTACKING A GIANT'S LIMBS IS THE MOST BASIC OF FUNDAMENTALS!

RAAAAAH

SHOOMP

APPARENTLY, YOU THINK THAT ATTACKING MY LIMBS WILL WORK...

ONCE I NAB YOU THIS TIME, I AM *NOT* LETTING YOU GO!

...YOU CAN THROW A THOUSAND STRIKES, BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THAT'LL NEVER WORK!

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

DMP

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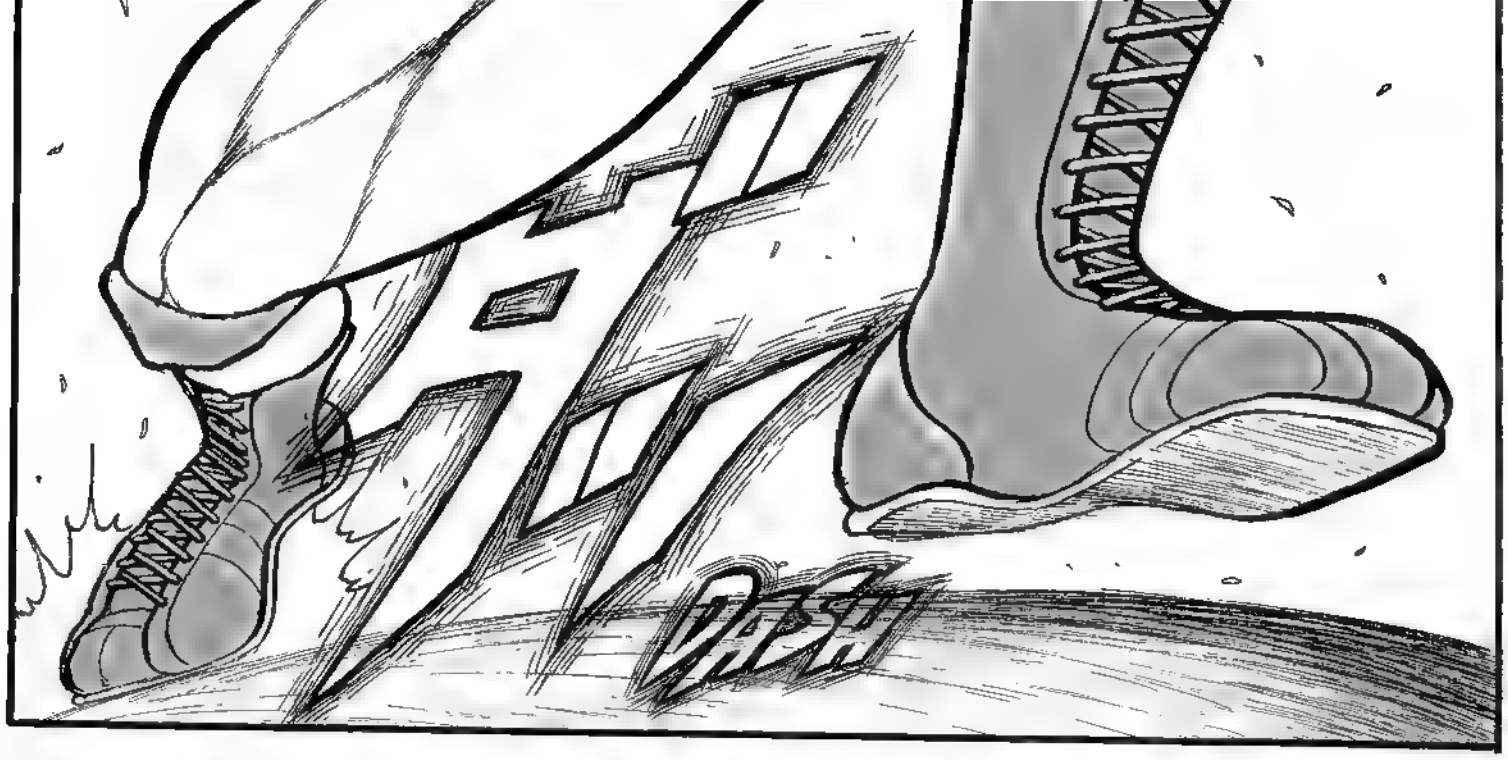
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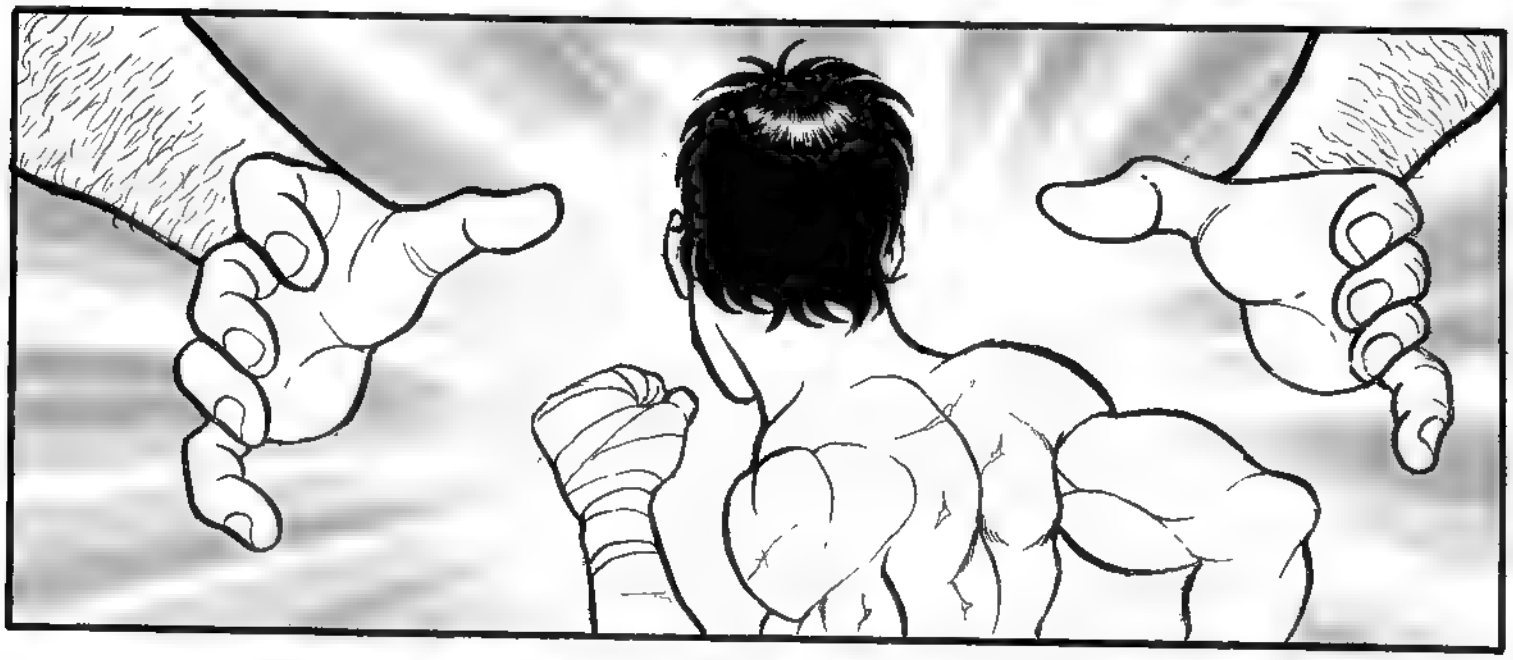


GRAPP

WHA ...?!

WHAT I WAS *REALLY* GOING AFTER WAS...

GRP GRP GRP GRP GRP GRP

I-I CAN'T PULL HIM IN!!!

GWOO

...RIGHT HERE!!!

VWP

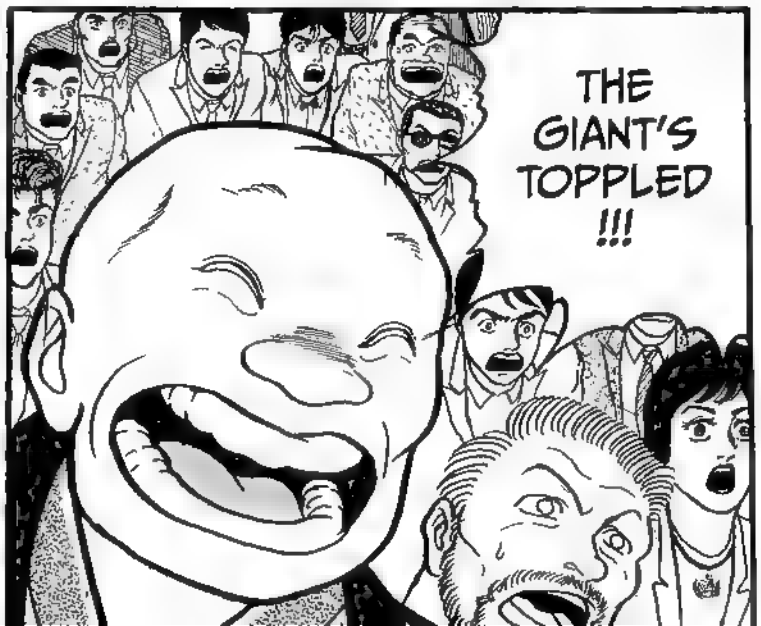
HE'S UNLEASHING A BARRAGE RIGHT ON HIS CHIN!
BM BM BM
THE GROUND IS GOING... SIDE... WAYS...
TH-THE GROUND ...!
WAVER
?!

T-T-T-TOBA IS
DOOOOWN!!!

#39 Attack the Giant!

OOOH!

...!


THE GIANT'S TOPPLED !!!

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED ?

WHERE AM I?

...

IT'S GRAINY.

SOMETHING IS GETTING PUSHED INTO MY FACE.

!

KOO

ZM...

!!!

SHNKKOO!

CHEERS ...?

W-WAS I ASLEEP...?!

!?

W-WHY IS IT IN FRONT OF ME ...?!

A WALL ?!

GRK... WHERE EVEN AM I?!

...

D-DID I GET KNOCKED DOWN?!

GWAK

GWCH

GWAK

VWSH

SPLIT

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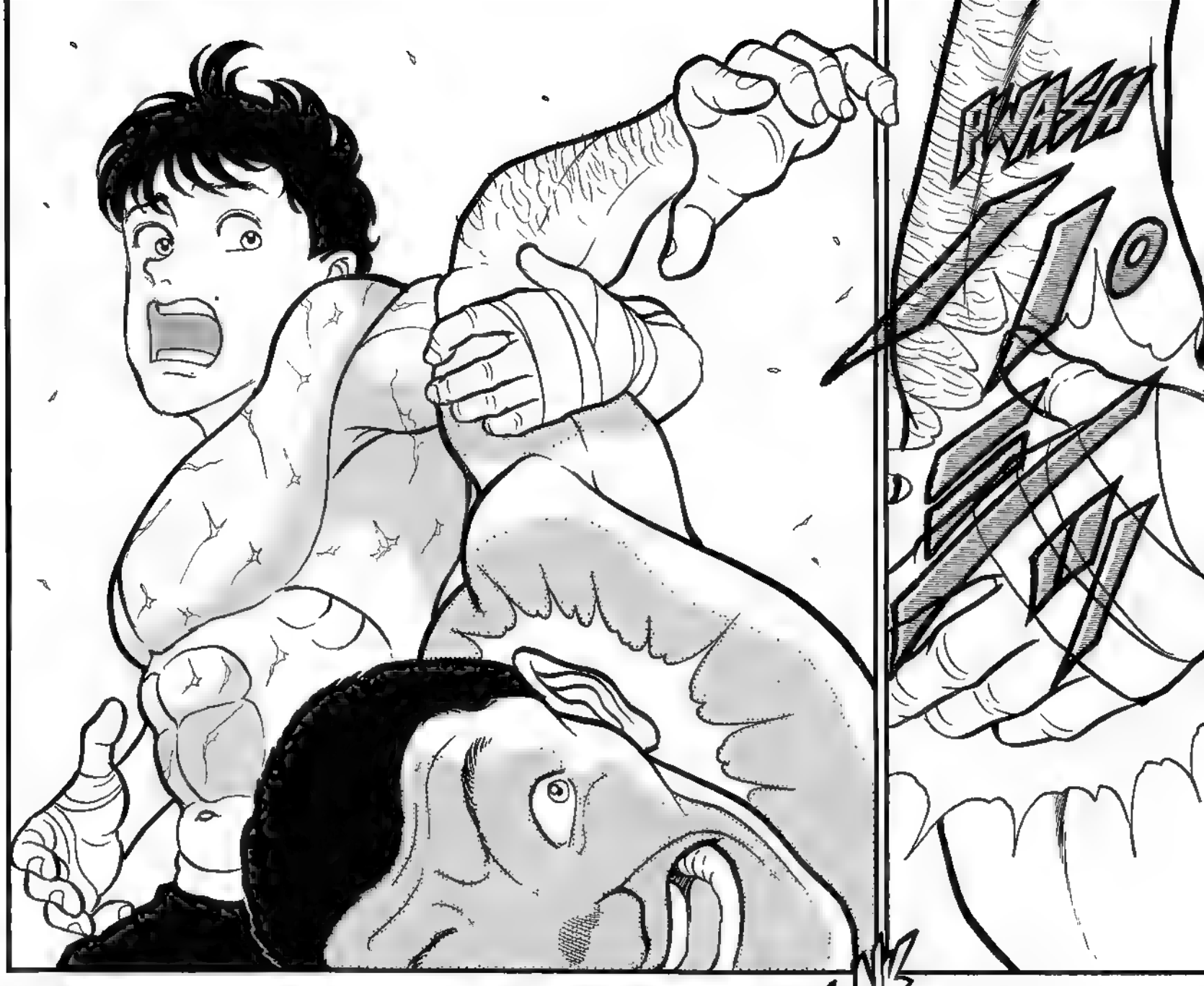
SINK


BWAAH!

KRAK!!
OO

GRIND

WOOOOO

GR...

GR...

THAT'S THE SAME SUBMISSION HOLD THAT TOOK OUT SHINOGI!

TO A BOY WHO'S NOT EVEN HALF MY WEIGHT?!

ME?!

ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT I'M GOING TO LOSE ?!

HOOO

WHA ?!

STAGGER

AFTER TRAINING FOR THIRTY YEARS, I'M GOING TO LOSE TO A MERE SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY?!

WHAM

H-HE GOT TO HIS FEET!

I...CAN NEVER...

NO! HE'S GOING TO SLAM HIM TO THE GROUND!

I CAN NEVER LOSE TO A RUNT LIKE YOU !!!

WHAT

?!

SWF

MPH!

NGH...!

ズオ

SHWオオオオ

NGH-
OOOH
!!!

HOOPS

TH-THAT'S AMAZING HIP STRENGTH...

...!

OOOH!

HE USED THAT HALF-ASSED MOVE...

FLAPPEE

GRIT...

ス
SWF...
SWOOOOOSH...

...

!

...

I WAS HOLDING BACK, AS I DID NOT WANT TO DENY YOU THE BRIGHT FUTURE THAT'S AHEAD OF YOU...

BUT THAT SUPLEX DISPELLED MY DOUBTS.

I WILL HESITATE NO LONGER!!!

BMSH

青竜

BAKI...

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

DON'T PUSH TOBA INTO FIGHTING SERIOUSLY !!!

HUFF

HUFF

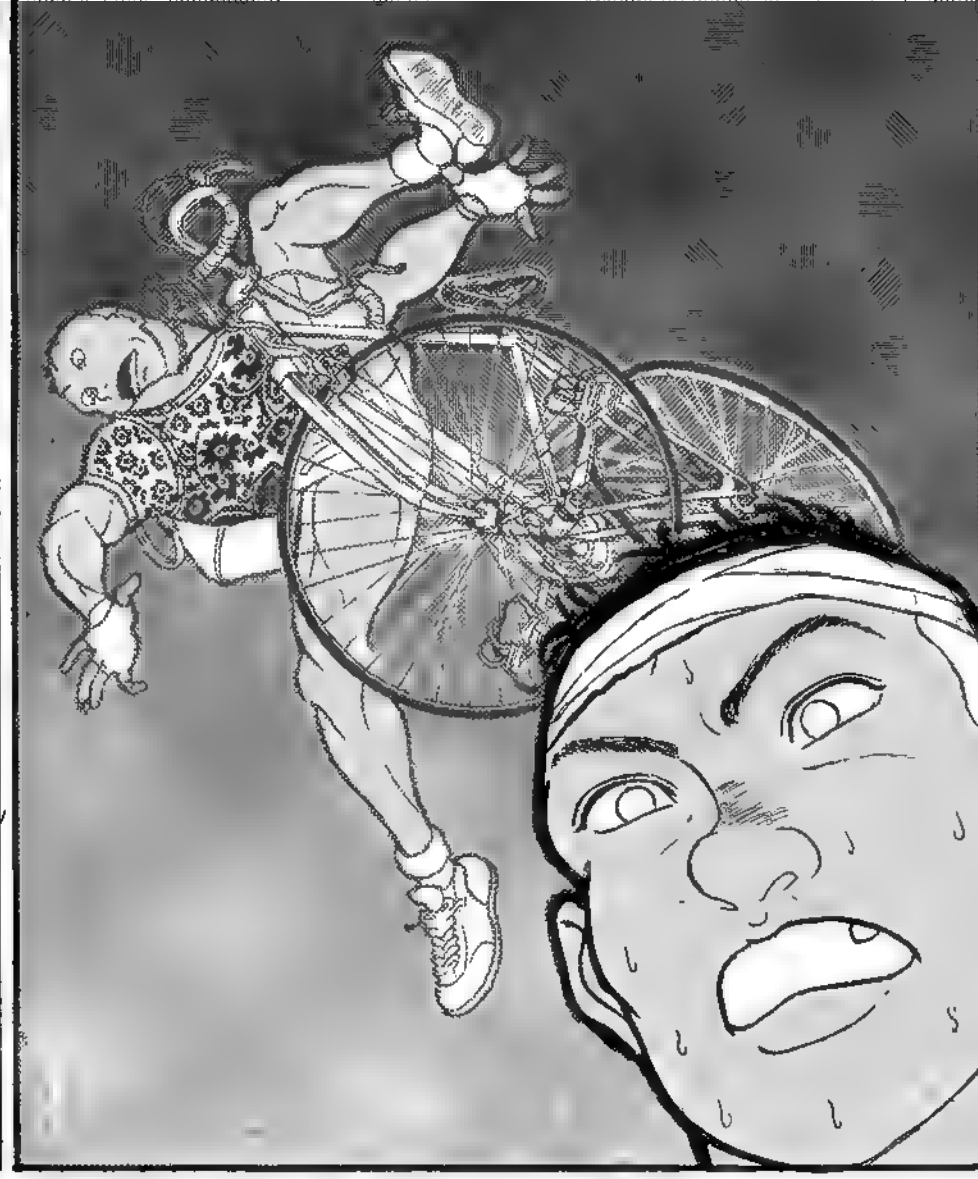
DON'T PUSH TOBA...

BAKI
THE GRAPPLER
BAKI
THE GRAPPLER

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HANMA
...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
オ HUFF オ
WOO オ オ
DON'T PUSH TOBA INTO FIGHTING SERIOUSLY !!!

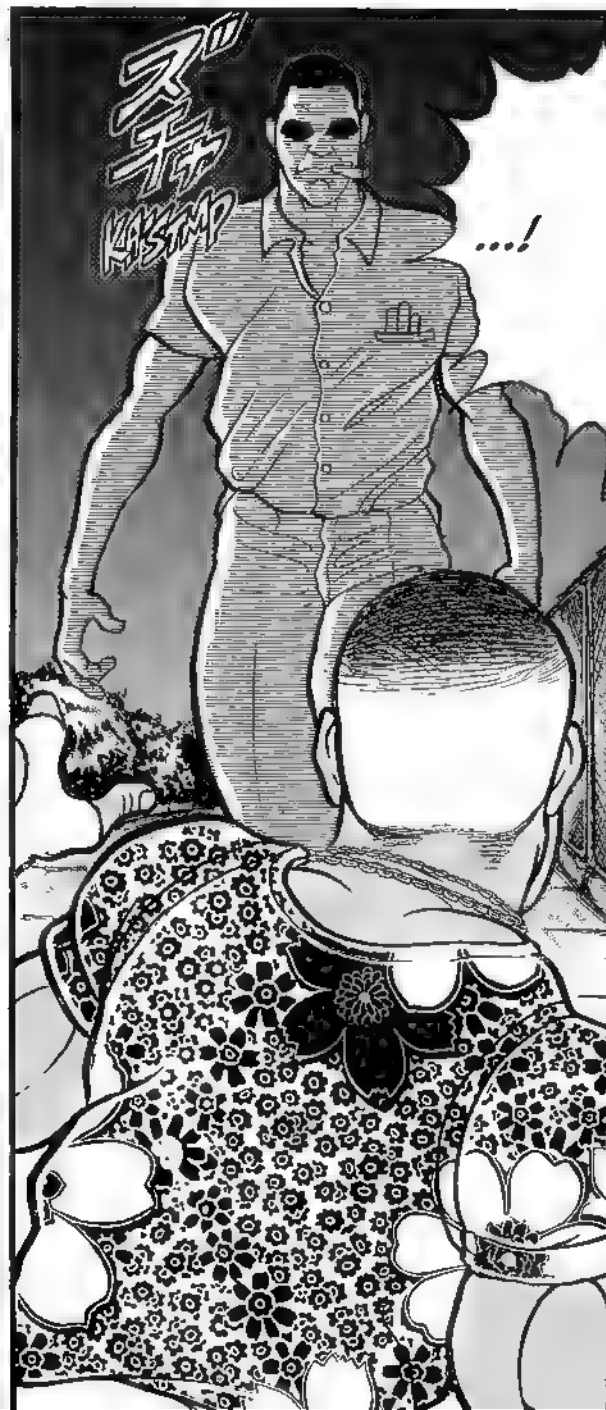
#40 Don't Corner Him

カミオカ!!



KA-
STMP

...HANADA.
I HEARD YOU CAUSED QUITE THE BRAWL IN THE FOREIGNERS' DRESSING ROOM...
KA-
STMP


ZU
KA-STMP
...!

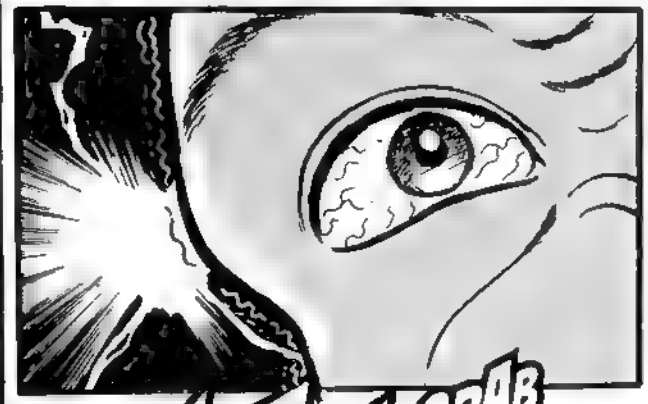
HOW ABOUT YOU START A BRAWL WITH *ME?*

WELL?

T-TOBA ...

FLING!

GRAB



IT'D BE ANNOYING IF ANYONE CAME NOW ...
KRASSH
KRASH
...
KRUSH KRUSH
D-GOO!!

SO I'LL FINISH THIS IN ONE SHOT.

HUMPH!

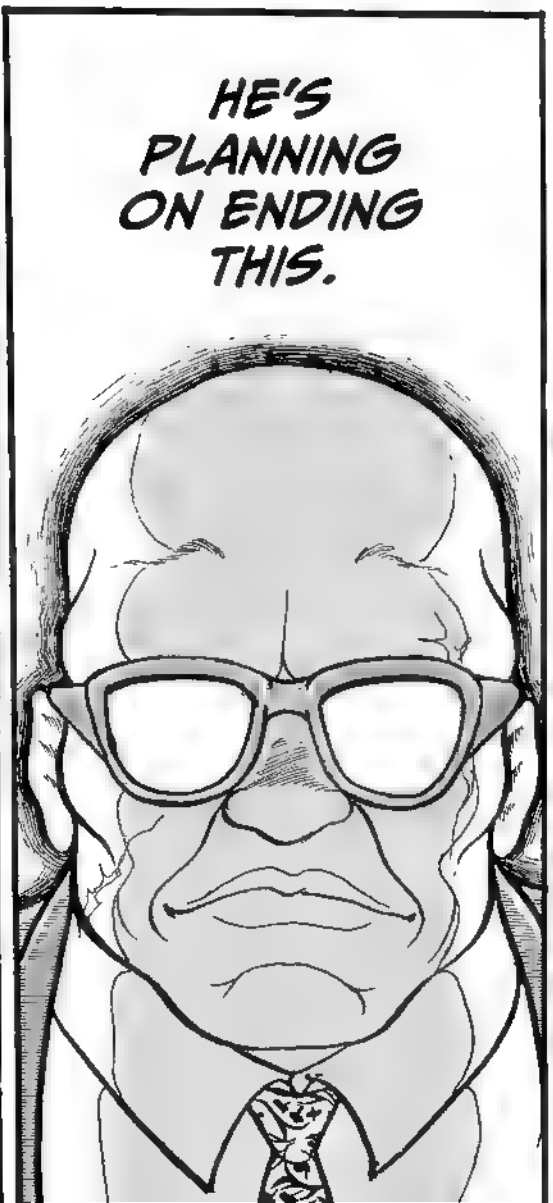
PTOO

THUD

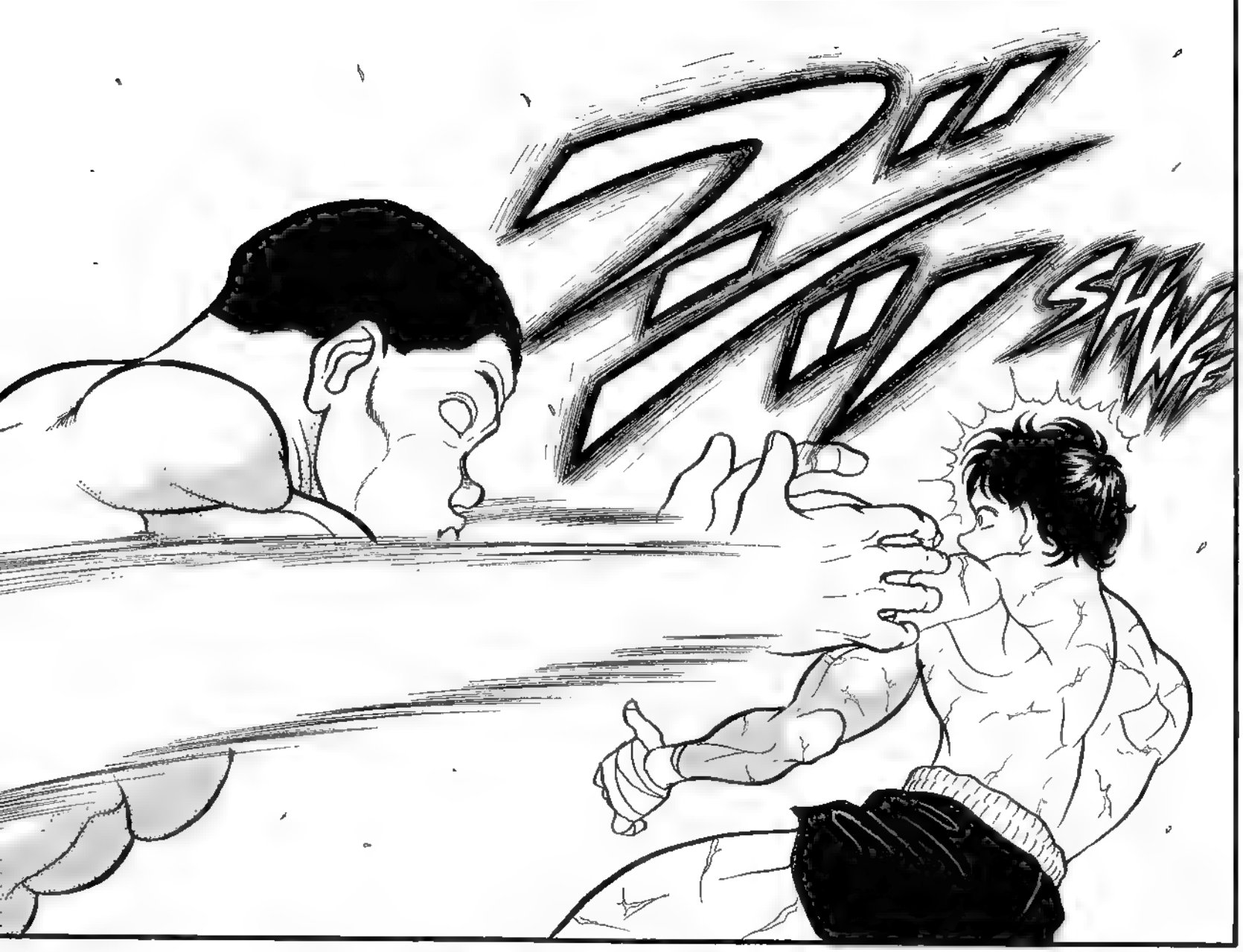
NGH
...!

RAAH

NOW HE'S TRULY SERIOUS...
YOU MEAN HE WASN'T SERIOUS BEFORE ...?


HE'S PLANNING ON ENDING THIS.

TOBA'S STANCE IS BACK TO ITS BASIC FORM.


SHINE

BAM
BAM
BAM

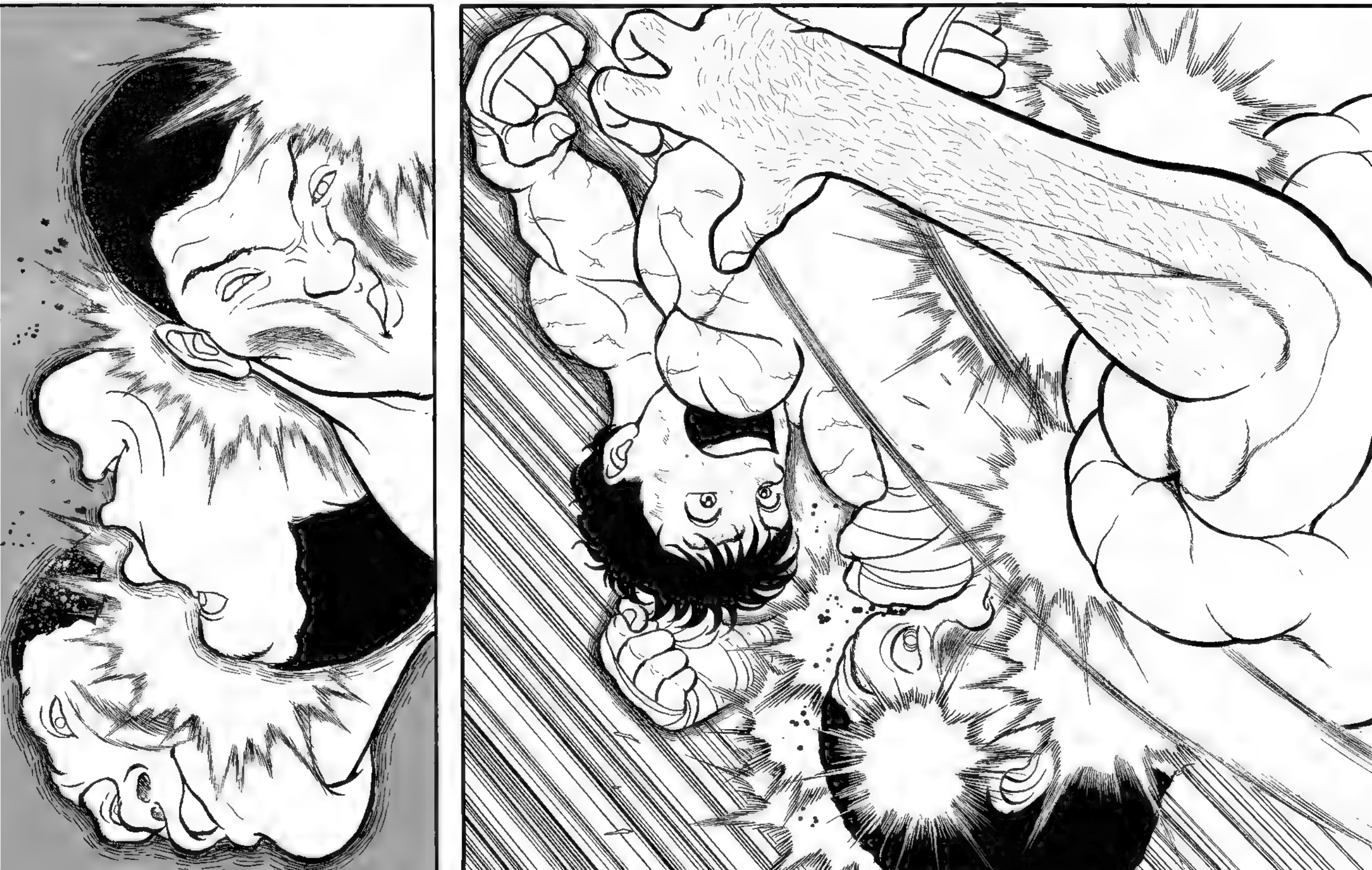
BAM

KAH!

BAM

WHIP

BAM



LOOKS LIKE YOUR SON IS GOING TO WIN.

TOBA ISN'T GOING DOWN YET.

SPLSH

SPLSH

PLSH

NOW THAT TOBA IS ALL IN AND PREPARED TO GET HIT, HE'S BECOME AN IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS!

WHETHER OR NOT YOU GET KNOCKED DOWN DEPENDS ON YOUR SPIRIT AT THE MOMENT YOU GET HIT.

AH...

GRP

YAAAAH!

HUFF

HUFF

GRAB

HIS GRAB IS A TICKET TO HELL...

SLIP

YOU HAD ME WORRIED THERE FOR A SEC!

THE ONE WHO'S REALLY GETTING SERIOUS HERE IS *BAKI*.

HA HA HA

DON'T PUSH TOBA FURTHER INTO THE CORNER...

青

HANMA, ENOUGH...

GASP GASP GASP GASP GASP

PRESS TOBA ANY MORE AND YOU'LL OVERDO IT!

AAA-
AAH!

HELL
YEAH!

THE
FOOL
!!!

SHWOO

GRIP

PAPA!!

KA-SHING

WHA ...?

IT... IT...

IT'S THAT MOVE !!!

#41 Fortitude

GRUH...

GRIT...

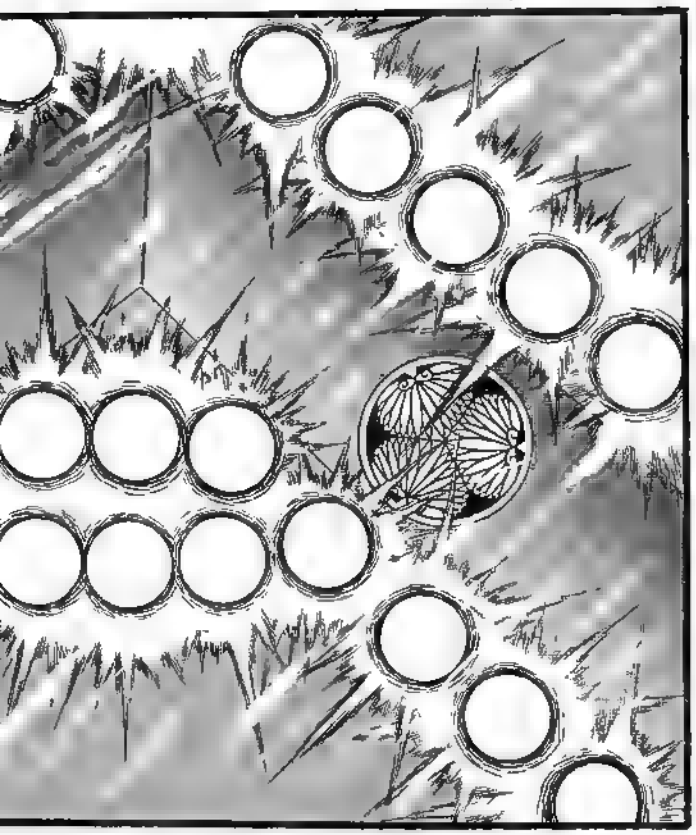
WHAT'S THAT SONUVA BITCH GONNA DO?

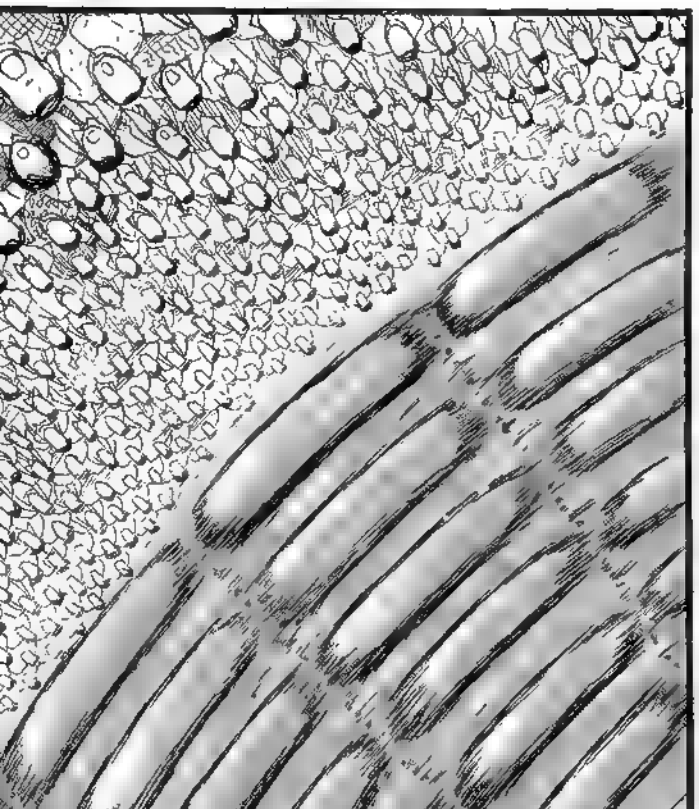
...

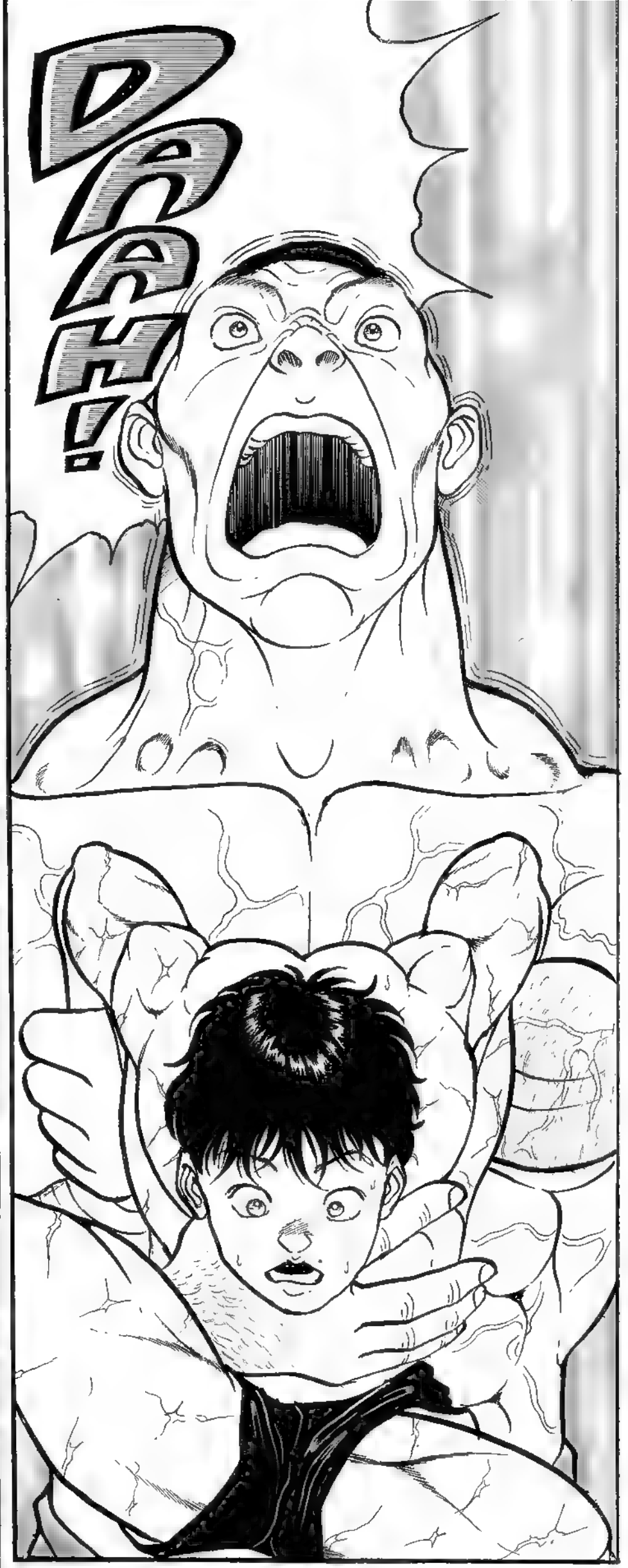
TWIST

STAMP

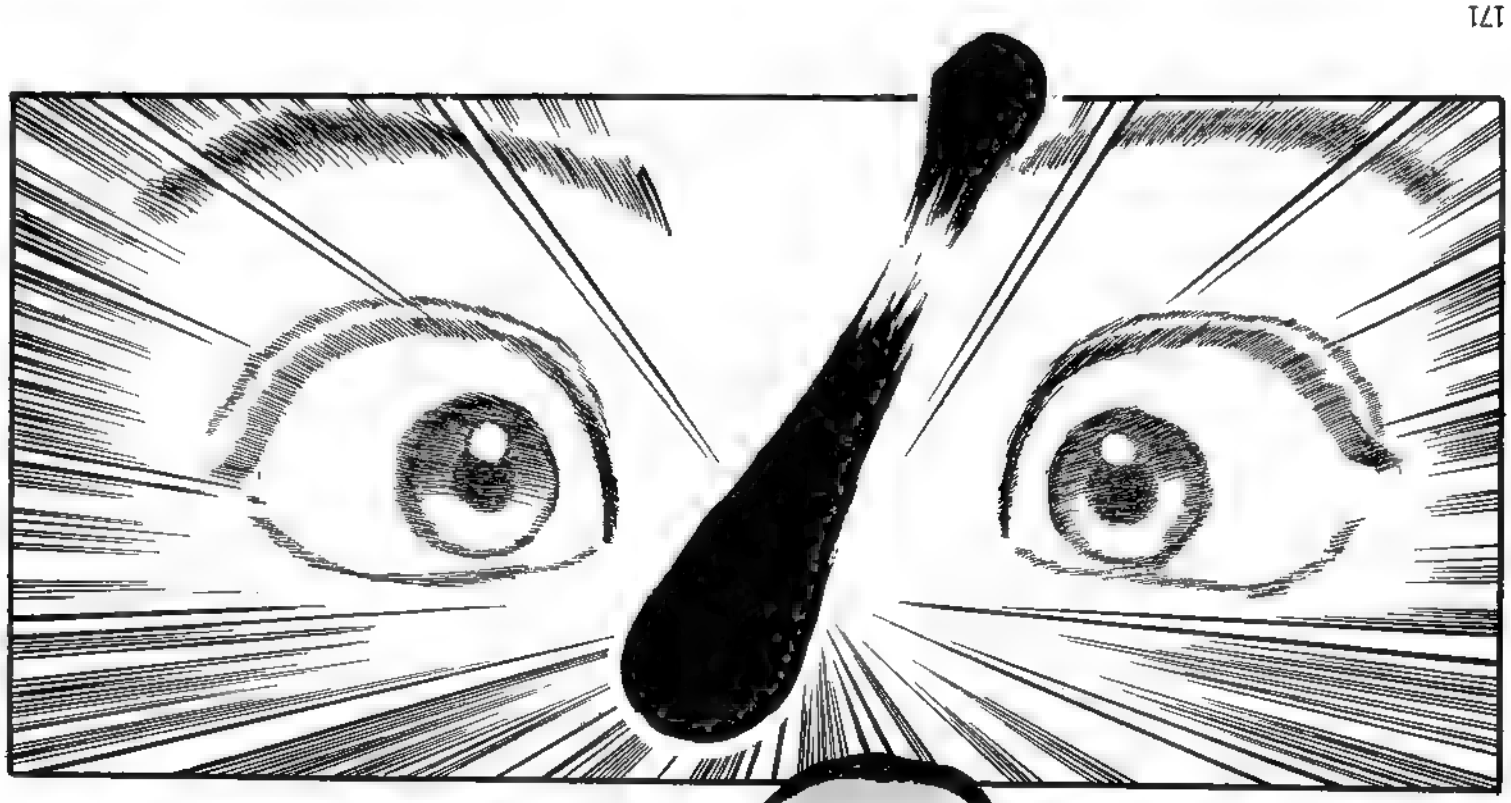
WHOOF






DAAH!

THE 150-KILO BACKFLIP !!!



SQWSH

RAAH

GRAP

RISE...

BAKI...
HANMA...

...

...

BA...
KI...

SNIFFLE...

...BEYOND THE MANY CHAMPIONS THAT LIVE ON IN MY MEMORY.

FROM HERE, YOU'LL ONLY CONTINUE TO RISE...

FEROCIOUS ...

TH...

THAT CAN'T BE HOW IT ENDS?!

G...

GOOD WORK OUT THERE, SIR...

大日本

THAT TRULY WAS A FINE MATCH...

YES... IT'S FINE...

SIR, YOUR KNEE.

HA HA... NO, IT COULDN'T BE...

...

OOOHooo

AIYEE!!!

ALRIGHT ...

!!!

...

THAT FIGHTING SPIRIT I SENSED JUST NOW ...

TH...

...!

...

OOOH.

...

KOFF KOFF KOFF

...AND HE STILL HAS THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF A MAD DOG?!

HE TOOK THAT MUCH PUNISH-MENT...

KOFF

WHERE ARE *YOU* GOING?

白

NGH ...!

WE'RE STILL IN THE *MIDDLE OF A MATCH* HERE!

TH-THAT BATTLE-HARDENED TOUGHNESS ...

SO THERE REALLY IS NO MOVE THAT CAN TAKE HIM DOWN IN ONE SHOT, EH?

HE'S GOT A CHANCE TO COME BACK, BUT IT'S A MINISCULE ONE...

HE'S GOT SOME POWER, BUT HE'LL STILL BE PATHETIC UNTIL HE LEARNS REAL BATTLE MASTERY...

STILL...

WOBBL...
WHOOPS
WOBBL
WOBBL
DOM
DOM
DOM
DOM
DOM
DASH

DGOOH

CRUSHING

JUST ONCE MORE !!!

THE BOSS'S KNEE CAN'T HANDLE DOING THAT MOVE A SECOND TIME!
THIS IS BAD!

HE'S GONNA MAKE HIM EAT ANOTHER ONE!!!

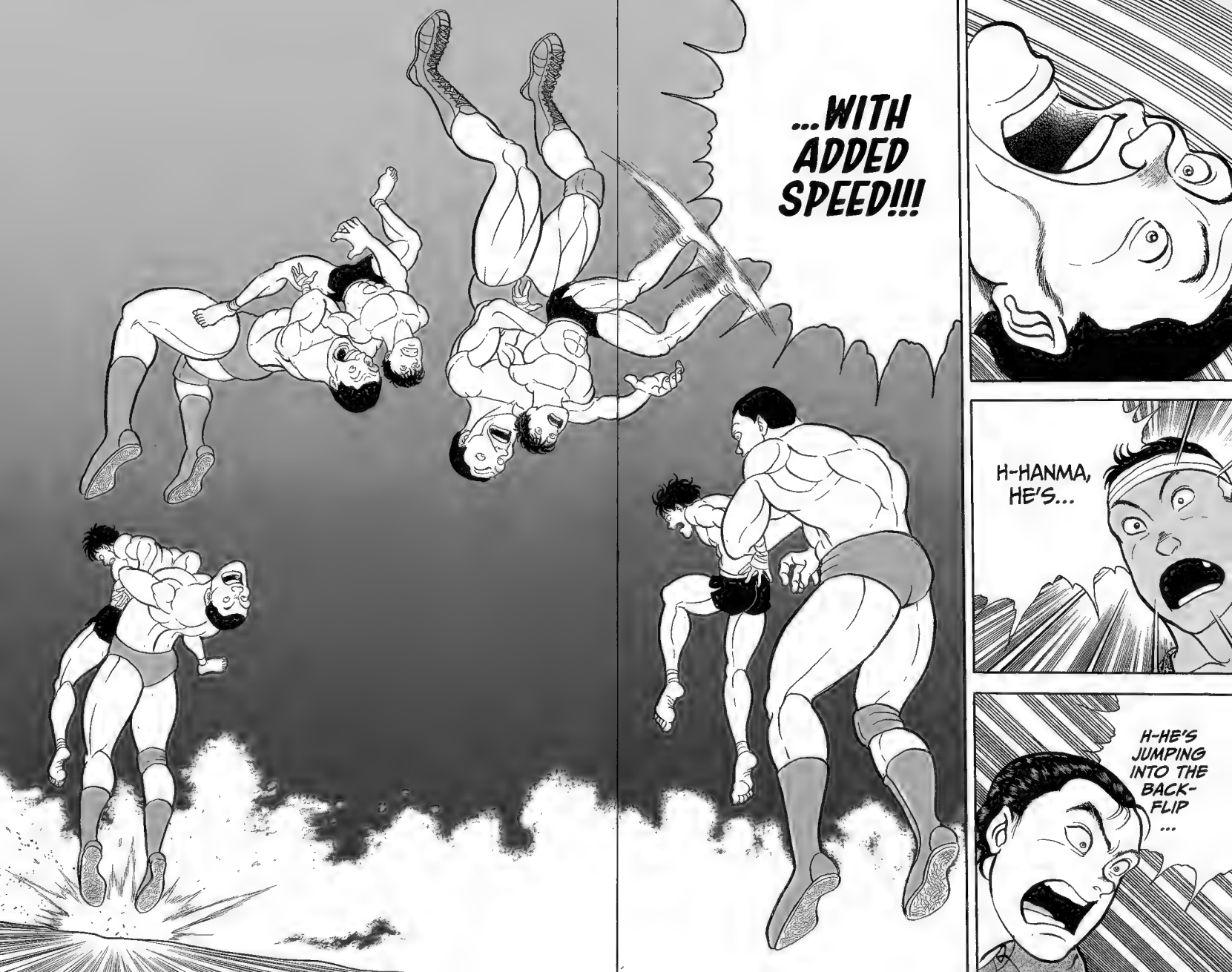
DRH!!

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO IT JUST ONE MORE TIME...

TEH

OKAY!

WHA?!


...WITH ADDED SPEED!!!
H-HANMA, HE'S...
H-HE'S JUMPING INTO THE BACK-FLIP ...

STOMP

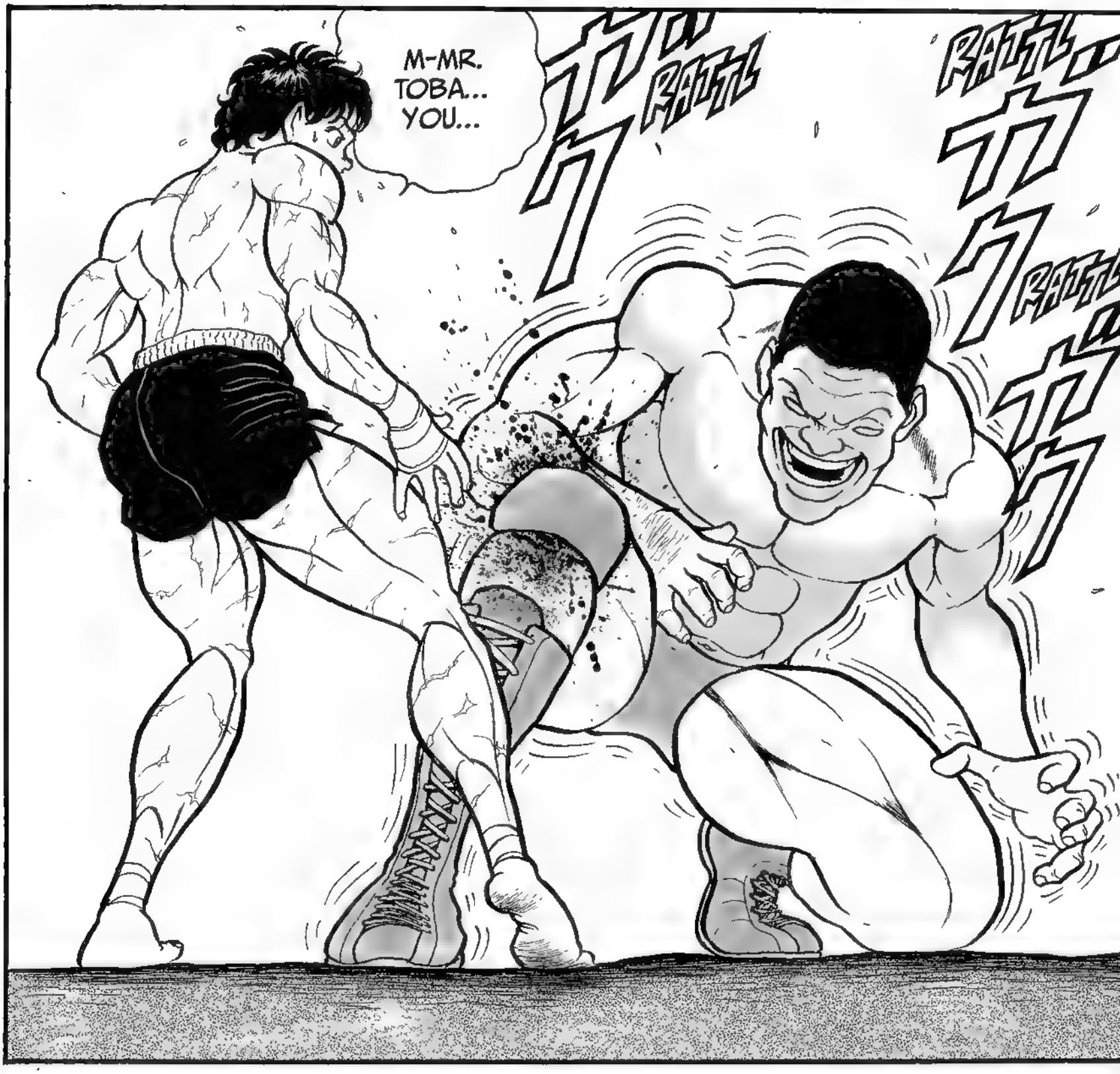
PSHHH

#42 The Man Who Goes Forward

...!

M-MR. TOBA?!

AAH!
S-
SIR
!


M-MR. TOBA... YOU...
RATTL
RATTL
RATTL

DAMN IT BAKI, WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?!

HWOOH!

BWUCH
!
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タ PLISH
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ラ
WAJURR...
!!!

RABBL
ざわ
ざわ
RABBL
PASH
ざわ
RABBL
ざわ
RABBL
PUSH
PUSH
GRAB
ガッ
W-WAIT...
FWT
あーっ
AAAH!

FLIP

...SO TAKING ON THIS KIND OF MATCH WAS A LOST CAUSE FROM THE START!!!

HIS RIGHT LEG HAS BEEN PROPPING UP THAT 150-KILO BODY FOR THIRTY YEARS...

THIS WAS A LOST CAUSE !!!

プロレス

WRIGGLE WRIGGLE WRIGGLE

THE BIGGER THE WRESTLER, THE SHORTER THE LIFESPAN. THEIR SIZE PUTS AN IMMENSE STRAIN ON THEIR LEGS AND KNEES.

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO TOBA ?!

THE ONLY REASON HE LASTED THIS LONG WAS DUE TO HIS DEDICATION TO STAYING HEALTHY AND TRAINING DAILY.

IT WAS ALREADY A MIRACLE THAT HE WAS ABLE TO REMAIN ACTIVE FOR THIRTY YEARS.

GRK...

WOBBL...

BO...

...

STOP, BAKI...

BAKI, NO MORE...

STOP IT ALREADY!

I CAME HERE FOR A FIGHT, NOT AN EXECUTION!

TOBA! CONCEDE THE MATCH!

YEAH! STOP THE DAMN MATCH!

GET A DOCTOR TO STOP HIM!

YOU'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO STAND UP.

...!

...!

YOU HAVE TO COMMIT TO IT, EVEN IF THE ONLY WAY FORWARD IS BY FALLING...

ONE STEP... AT A TIME...

FIGHTERS ALWAYS HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD.

YEAH...

INCH...

YOU ARE A TRULY GREAT GRAPPLER AFTER ALL.

MR. TOBA...

MY GIFT TO YOU IS A FITTING END.

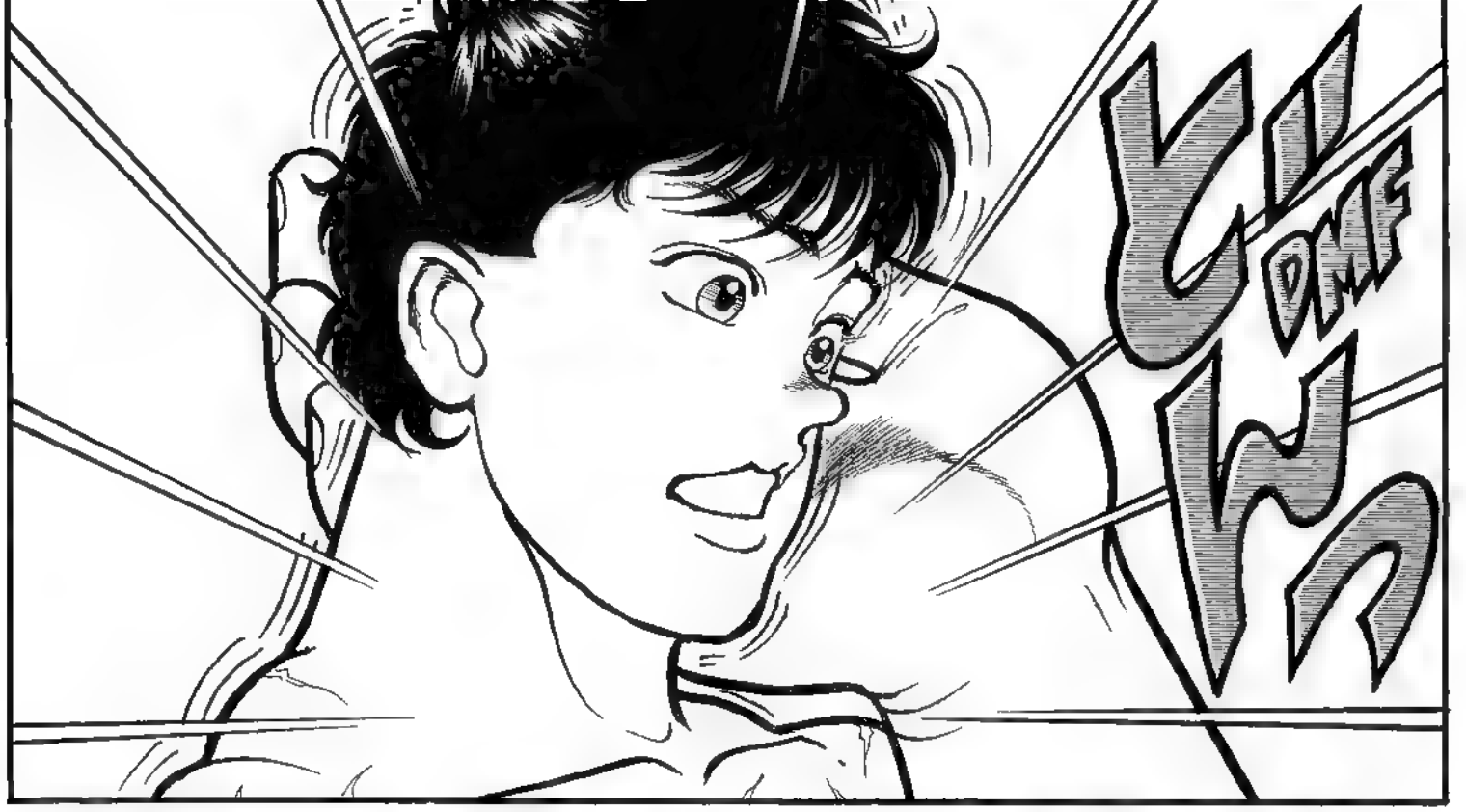
NO, STOP!

HE'S GONNA DO IT!

...!

FLICK

YEEEK !!!
...!
SNAP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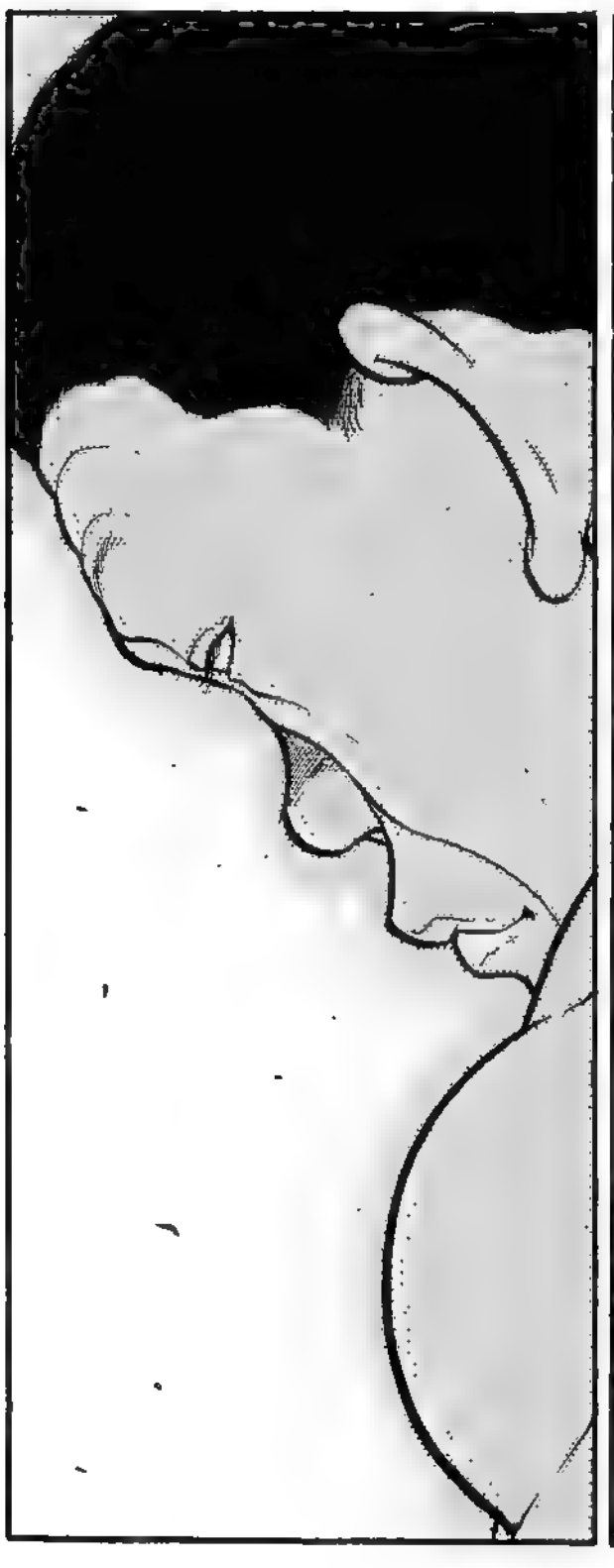
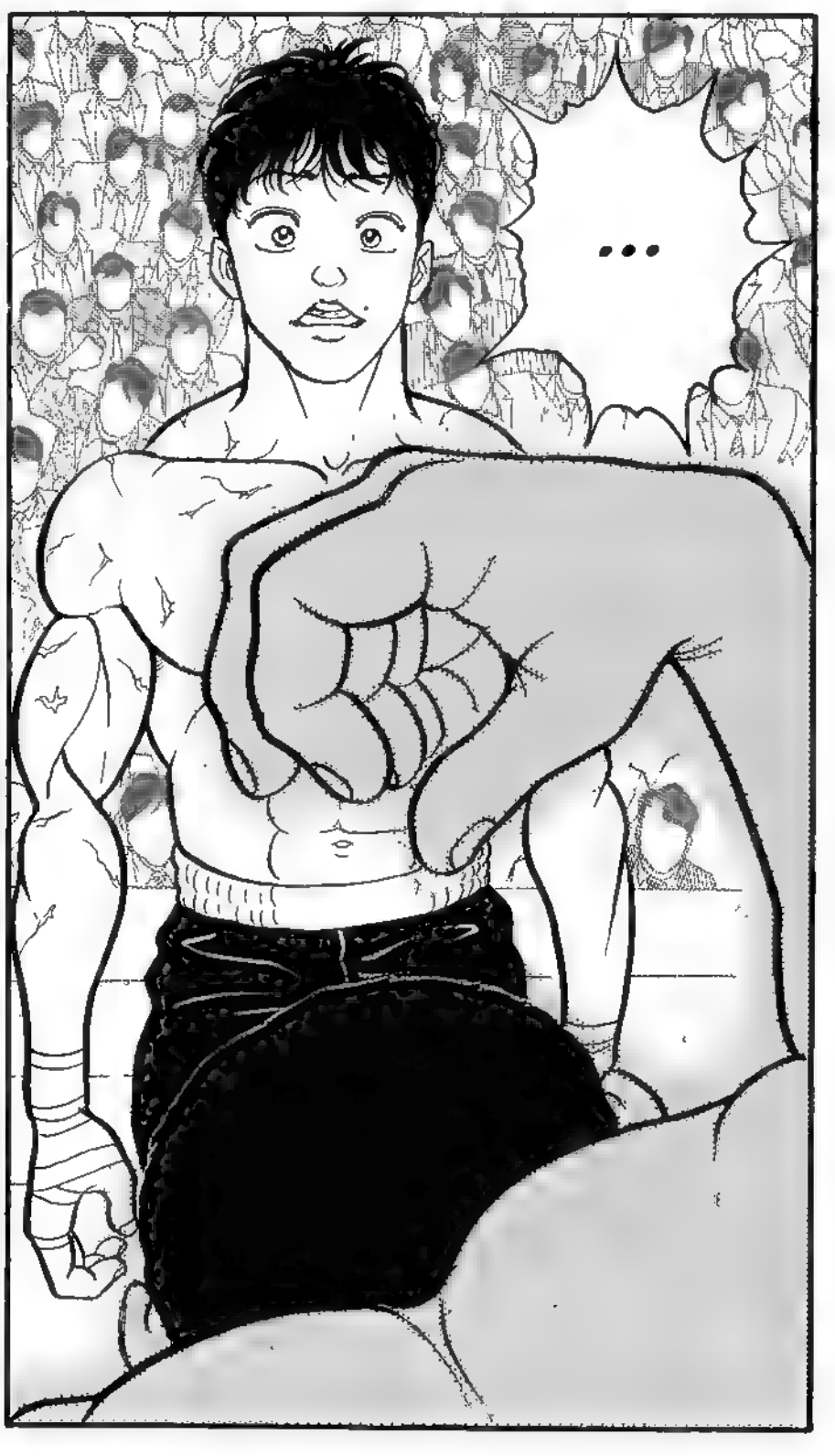



...

SHOOOOOM

THUMP

THAT'S THE MATCH !!!

KAH

SHF

GET THE STRETCHER !

THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME FEEL BETTER *AT ALL.*

THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT KICK...

WELL, UNFORTUNATELY, WE DIDN'T FIGHT TEN YEARS AGO, WE FOUGHT *TODAY.*

IF I FOUGHT YOU AS YOU WERE TEN YEARS AGO, YOU WOULD'VE SNAPPED MY NECK WITH THAT LAST CHOP.

HANMA... I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY THANKS.

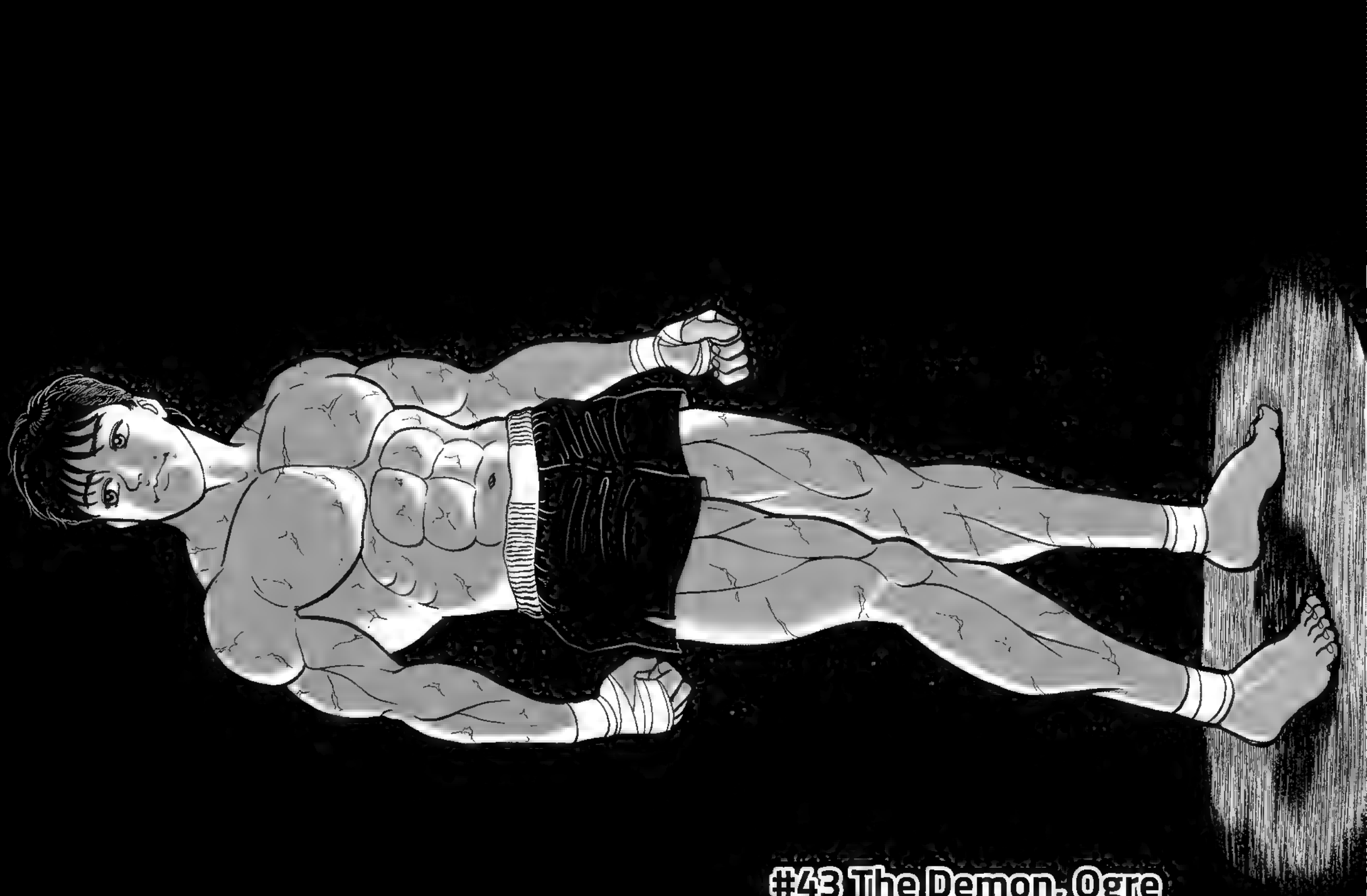
...!

I MANAGED TO ATTAIN... A GLORIOUS DEFEAT...

Y-
YUJIRO
...

LURCH...
ズイ

VWSH



#43 The Demon, Ogre

PALANA, RUSSIA...

NORTHWEST OF THE KAMCHATKA PENINSULA.

HE IS SIXTY-TWO YEARS OLD AS OF THIS YEAR.

A HUNTER THAT HAS BECOME A SEMI-LEGENDARY FIGURE IN ESKIMO SOCIETY, MR. KOJUSHAKIN, LIVES ON THESE LANDS.

I WAS TWELVE WHEN I FIRST PICKED UP A RIFLE...

...HAVE I HUNG UP MY GUN, YOU ASK ?

SO WHY...

I'VE KILLED 2,500 PIECES OF GAME!

SLIP...

I SAW SOMEONE KILL A POLAR BEAR WITH THEIR BARE HANDS.

A POLAR BEAR WAS BEATEN TO A PULP BY A HUMAN BEING...

BLUP BLUP

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

...LIONS AND TIGERS ARE CONSIDERED THE STRONGEST BEASTS AROUND...

IN YOUR WORLD...

...A 700-KILO POLAR BEAR.

NO ANIMAL ON EARTH STANDS A CHANCE AGAINST...

...BUT UP HERE, WE KNOW THE TRUTH.

YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AT IT THIS ENTIRE TIME...

WHAT KIND OF POLAR BEAR, YOU ASK?

HUH ...?

IT'S ALMOST TOO BIG TO COMPREHEND, EH?

IT WAS FAMOUS AROUND THESE PARTS. SOME EVEN WORSHIPPED IT AS A GUARDIAN DEITY.

IT USUALLY FED ON ONE-TON STELLER SEA LIONS.

THIS WAS A 720-KILO DEVIL.

AND IT STILL YELPED LIKE A PUP.

IT WAS SLAPPED, KICKED AROUND, HUMBLED IN EVERY WAY...

IT COULD EVEN HOLD ITS OWN AGAINST A RUSSIAN TANK.

ANY HUNTER WOULD QUIT AFTER SEEING A SIGHT LIKE *THAT...*

...

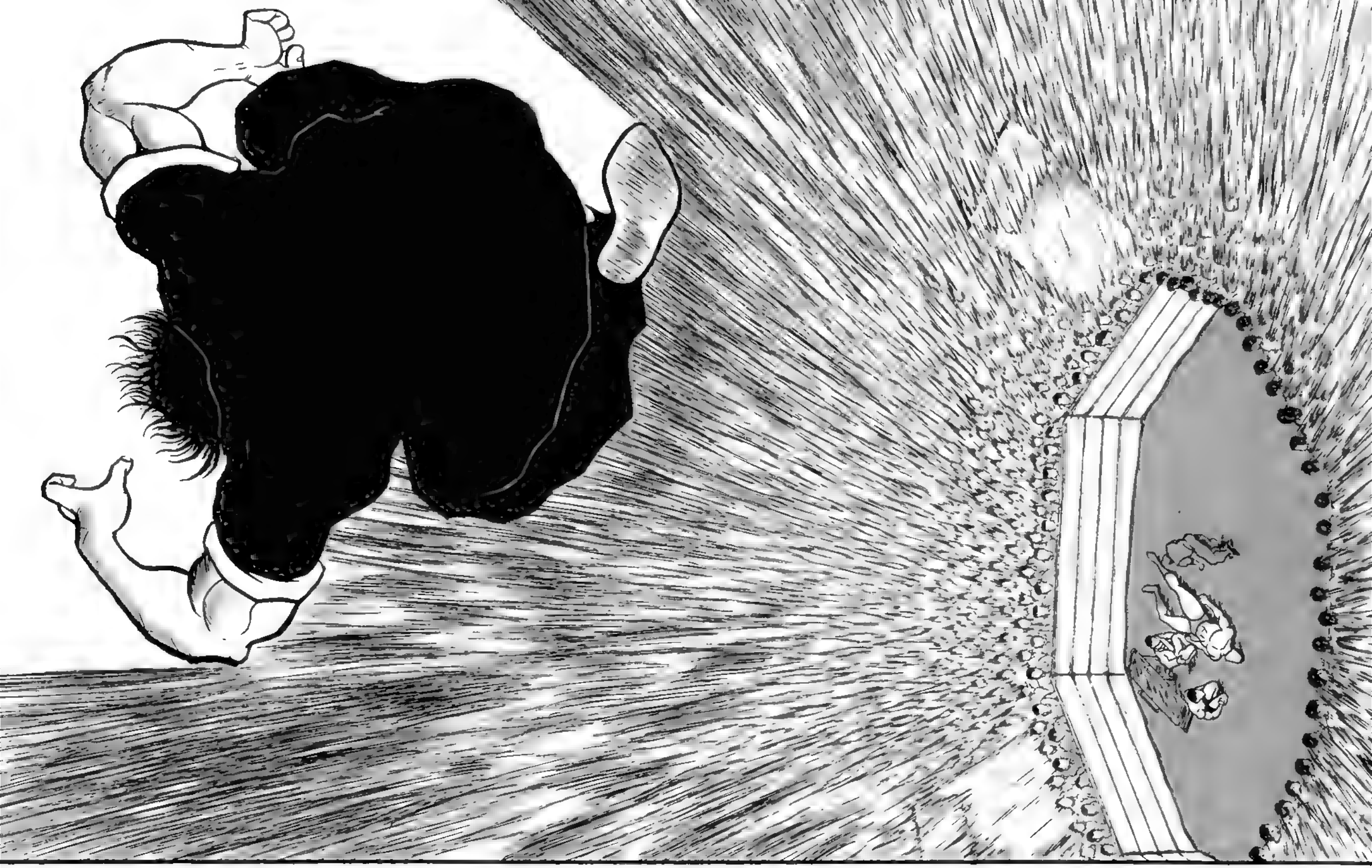
BEING ABLE TO TACKLE MASSIVE GAME WITH JUST A RIFLE IS A HUNTER'S MAIN SOURCE OF PRIDE.

...I SAW HIS BACK AND COULDN'T BELIEVE IT!!!

THAT MAN, AS HE HEADED TOWARDS THE CHOPPER THAT WAS WAITING FOR HIM...

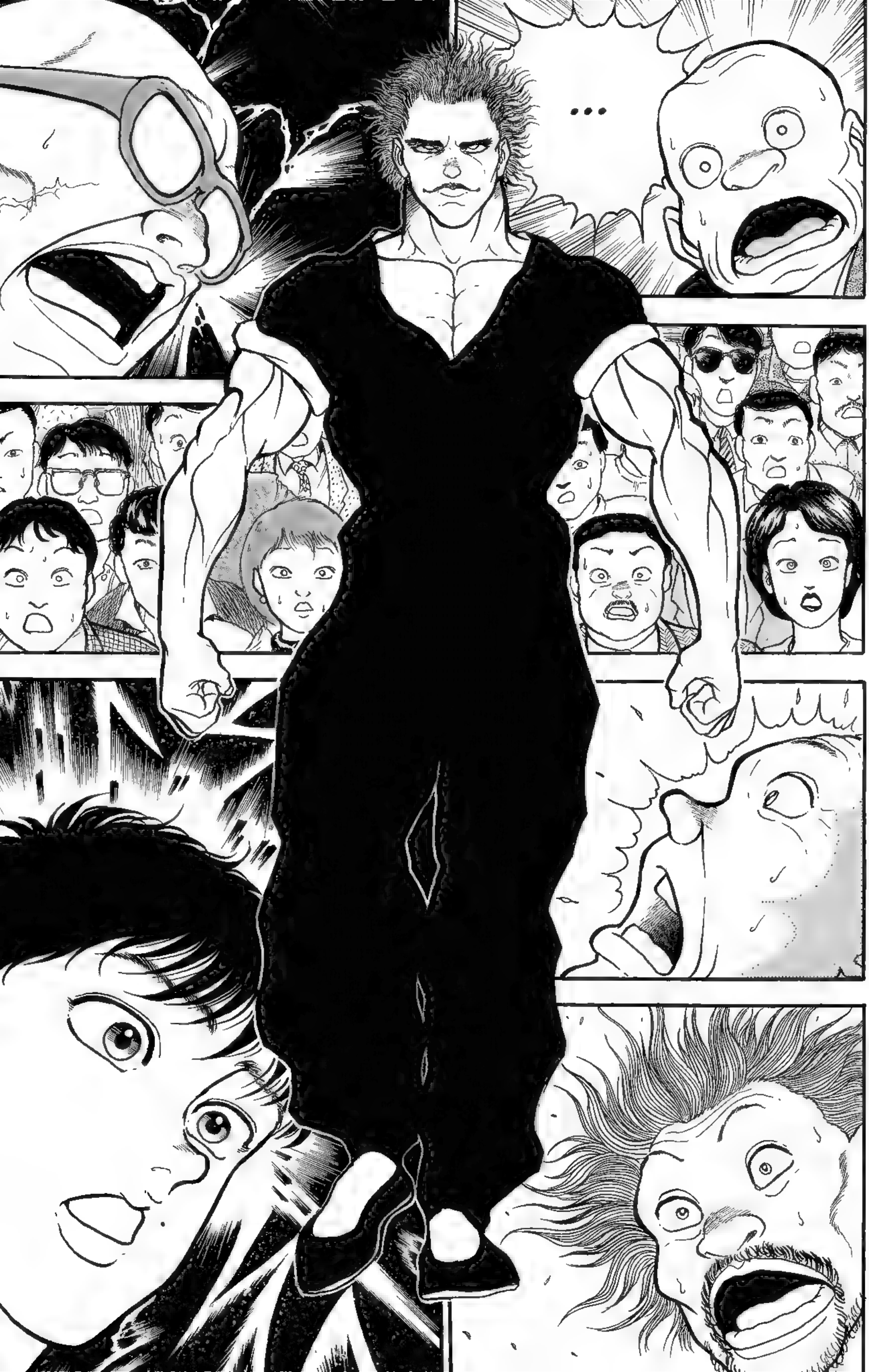
...A DEMON— AN OGRE—WAS SMILING THERE... NO, REALLY, I'M SURE MY EYES WEREN'T PLAYING TRICKS ON ME!

AFTER ALL...



WOOSH

SHNK



F...

F...

F...

SQUEEZE...

FUHR

I-IS THAT REALLY HIS DAD?
WHA ...?
RISE
F- FATHER ...?

KRAKD

WAIT!!
SOOP

GRAB

...!!!

B-BAKI'S MACH PUNCH CAN'T HIT HIM!!!

I ALMOST FELL ASLEEP WAITING FOR THEM TO REACH ME.

YOUR FISTS ARE AS SLOW AS EVER...

FOUR BREAKS OR FRACTURES... AND ONE COMPLETE BREAK, RIGHT?

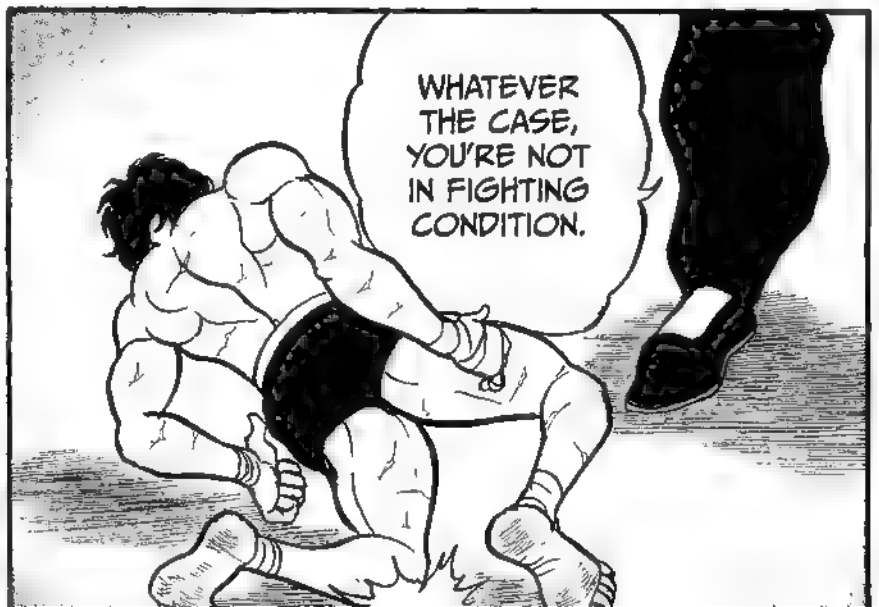
...

TWENTY-EIGHT BRUISES, SIXTEEN ABRASIONS...

TUNK

WHA
...?

VA-
STMP
...
HE KNOCKED BAKI OUT IN ONE HIT...


WHATEVER THE CASE, YOU'RE NOT IN FIGHTING CONDITION.

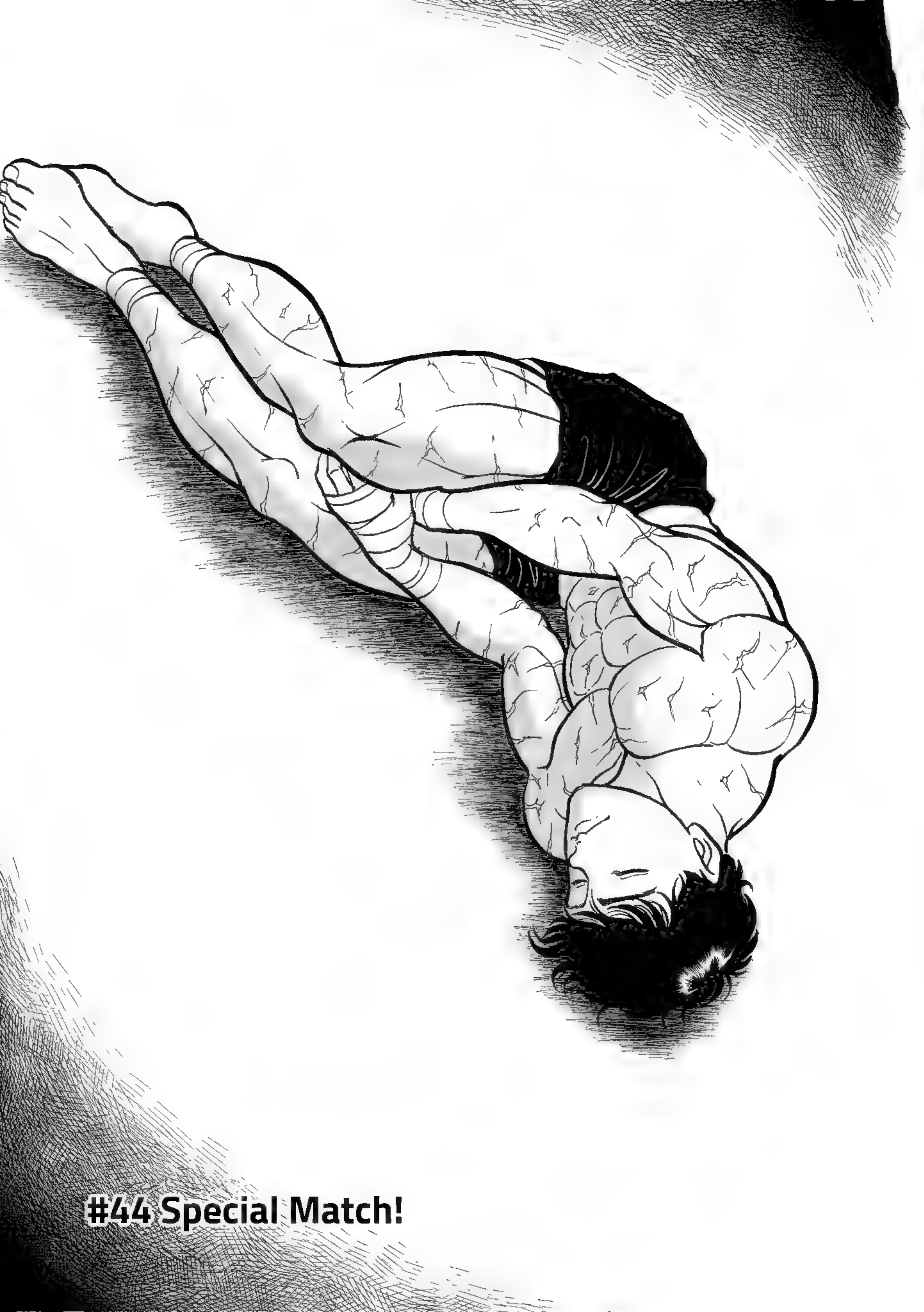
...

NOBLE ELDER, I ASSUME YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

YEEK!

HURRY UP AND REGISTER ME AS A CONTESTANT FOR THE UNDERGROUND ARENA...

OGRE...



#44 Special Match!

...

I ASSUME YOU KNOW *WHO* I AM, RIGHT?

NOBLE ELDER.

YEEK!

TH-THIS MAN... IS HE THE YUJIRO HANMA?!

HURRY UP AND REGISTER ME AS A CONTESTANT FOR THE UNDER-GROUND ARENA.

PERK...

玄武

WHAT THE HELL?! THAT'S DOPPO OROCHI !!!

WHOAAAA !

OGRE...

THE LEADER OF SHINSHINKAI KARATE IS HERE!!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

O- OROCHI !!!

HOLD UP, WHAT THE HELL IS HE THINKING ?!

DOPPO-
OOO!

...

IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS, HASN'T IT?

...

RAH

...WOULD FINALLY COME.

I'VE DREAMED ABOUT WHEN THIS DAY...

EVER SINCE *THAT* DAY...

THIS SCAR...

...AND THIS ONE, TOO.

R- RETURN THE FAVOR?

ARE THEY GOING TO FIGHT?!

ALLOW ME TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

FOOM

...!

...

TONK

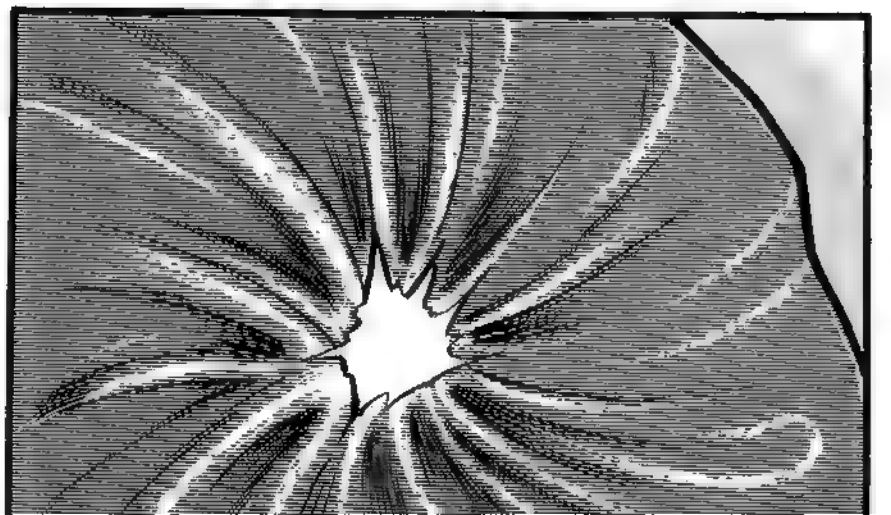
BAM

...

DOPPO OROCHI IS BLEEDING !!!

OH MY GOD!

*SEIKEN: A STRAIGHT PUNCHING TECHNIQUE IN KARATE



...

I ASSUME THAT I'M STILL REGISTERED AS A COMBATANT?

!

NOBLE ELDER.

NO WAY IN HELL I'D EVER TAKE YOU OFF THE ROSTER!!!

YEAH! DON'T YOU WORRY!

...

IN THAT CASE, COULD YOU ARRANGE A MATCH BETWEEN ME AND THAT MONSTER?

TH-THE TIGER SLAYER VERSUS THE STRONGEST BEING ON EARTH...

...WILL BE CONTESTED AS A SPECIAL MATCH!!!

THE CARD IS SET!!!

KAH

GRIN...

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? THIS TIME YOU'LL BE LUCKY TO WALK AWAY WITH JUST A FEW NEW SCRATCHES ON YOUR FACE...

DRESSING ROOM

I SIMPLY COULDN'T CONTAIN MYSELF, YOU SEE...

IT'S HOPE-LESS...

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DISREGARD YOU, THE CURRENT CHAMPION...

HE'S NOT CALLED THE "STRONGEST BEING ON EARTH" FOR NOTHING.

...

...OF THE SAVAGE BEASTS THAT ROAM THE EARTH.

HE COULD ABSOLUTELY KILL ANY AND ALL...!!

THIS MAN HERE HAS ALSO EARNED THE NAME TIGER SLAYER.

BUT BAKI...

...DOESN'T COME FROM HIS FIGHTING TECHNIQUES.

HIS TRUE STRENGTH...

THAT'S NOT THE POINT...

STRYDOM...

STOP THE CAR FOR ME...

HANGING AROUND YOU TAKES YEARS OFF MY LIFE, YUJIRO.

I SWEAR ...

BOX

H-HEY, YUJIRO.

WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM A *BOXING GYM?*

SKRT

#45 Killing Instinct

Boxing
S.S. Winning
IN A SINGLE MOMENT, ALL EYES IN THE GYM...
...FOCUSED ON HIM, ALL AT ONCE.
SEKIGUCHI BOXING
THE MEMBERS OF THE GYM WERE ALL USED TO SPECTATORS COMING BY.
BOTH THE COMPETITORS...
...AND THE COACHES.
SEKI BOX
ALL HE DID WAS STAND IN FRONT OF THE DOORWAY.
NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS.
SEKIGUCHI

TAKE A SEAT ON THAT COUCH OVER THERE, THEN.

HERE TO OBSERVE?

I'M IN LUCK.

OHO...

ORIENTA
AND PACIF
MIDDLEWEI
CHAMPIO
YOICHI
TATSUM

...

H-HOLD ON A SECOND ...

HEY, HOLD ON! THAT'S THE EXIT YOU'RE BLOCKIN'!

HEY, GOD-DAMMIT !!!

WHIZZ

Boxing

ボクシング

1UP

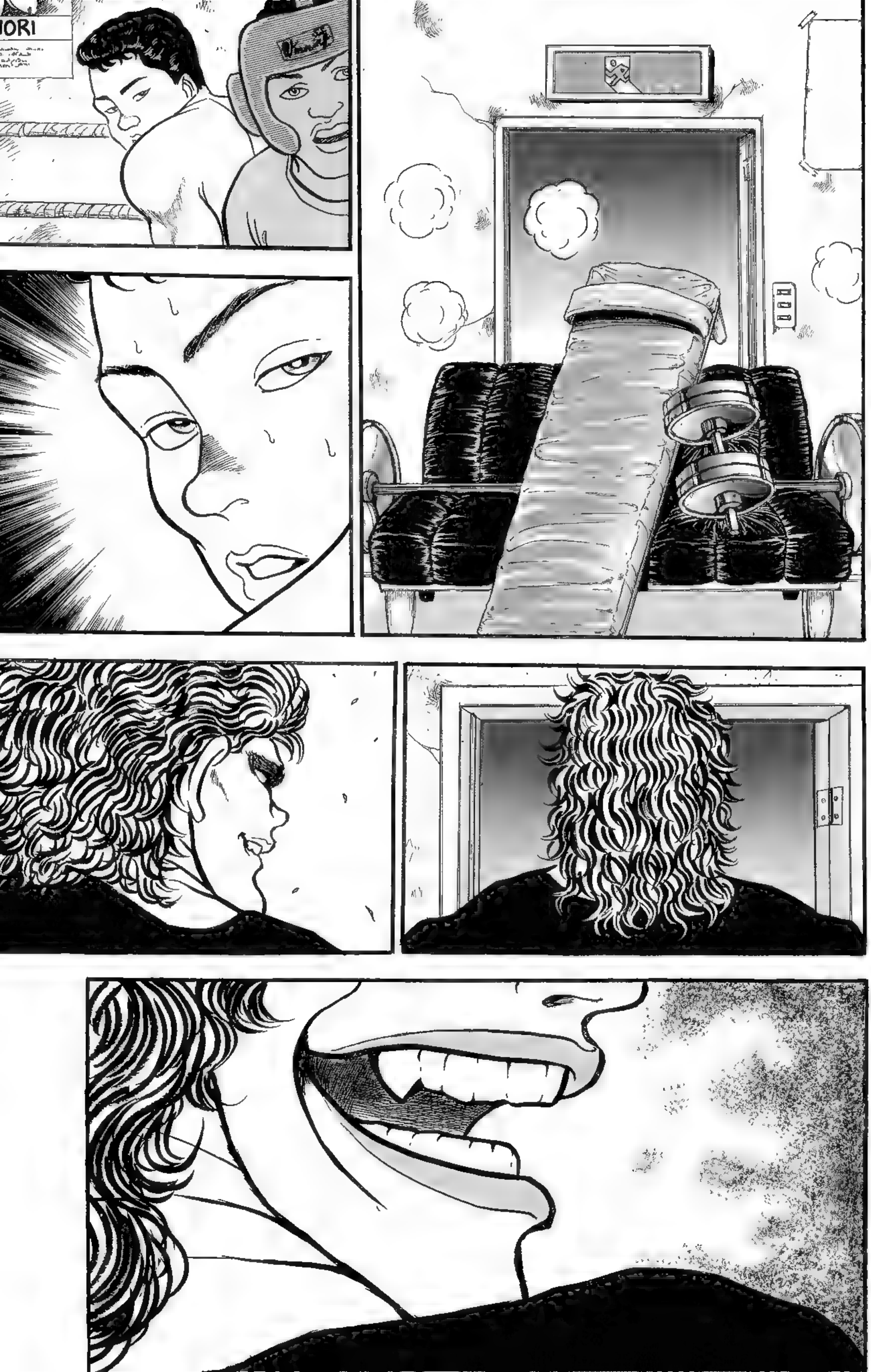
START

AIYEE!

KRASH

DWOOM

WHING



...NONE OF YOU CAN RUN AWAY.

NOW...

...AS PROFESSIONAL BOXERS...

THOSE WORDS LIT A FIRE UNDER THEIR PRIDE...!

TROMP

EKIGUCHI BOXING

TROMP...

WELL?

HEY, PAL...

WHAT'RE YOU TRYIN' TO PULL? YOU DO KNOW WE'RE ALL *BOXERS*, RIGHT?

YES.

GROWTH PHASE?

BASICALLY, WHEN IT COMES TO MARTIAL ARTS, HE'S IN A CONSTANT STATE OF GROWTH.

MR. OROCHI, MR. MOTOBE... MY FATHER IS *NOT* THE SAME MAN BOTH OF YOU FACED IN THE PAST.

...IS FUELED BY A POWERFUL *KILLING INSTINCT.*

HIS FIGHTING TECHNIQUE...

...HIS MURDEROUS URGES ARE IN A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN.

...AND INSATIABILITY...

IN TERMS OF FEROCITY...

HE CAN'T EVEN GO A SINGLE DAY WITHOUT KILLING SOMEONE...

TO HIM, THE NEED TO KILL IS NO DIFFERENT FROM *PHYSICAL APPETITE* OR *SEXUAL LUST.*

BAM!
ENOUGH!
KRAK
KRAK

N-NO, YOU SHOULDN'T!

I CAN'T JUST SIT BACK ALL SLACK-JAWED AND WATCH THIS GO DOWN.

HEY, OLD MAN, I'LL TAKE YOU ON.

CH-CHAMP!

EVERYONE, STEP BACK.

I CAN TELL BY YOUR FACE THAT YOU'RE A BETTER *BRAWLER* THAN A *BOXER.*

KEH HEH.

...YOU'RE RIGHT. ♡

WELL, WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT...

GRP

MM'KAY... THEN.

?

...!

FULL DISS

PRAP

PRAP

PRAP

PRAP

LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER.

WHAT LOVELY PUNCHES.

PRAP

PRAP

PRAP

PRA-PRAP

PRAP

I... I CAN'T HIT HIM...!!!

THEY'RE BEING SWATTED AWAY SINGLE-HANDEDLY ...!!!

NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THE CHAMP'S PUNCHES ARE LANDING!

KYAH !!!

...ALL THE TIME, PASSION, AND ENERGY YOU'VE POURED INTO BOXING.

I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT...

SLAM
DUNK

!!!
FIGHTING IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF COMMUNICATION...

GWOO

EVEN MORE SO THAN *SEX.*

KA-THUD

DRESSING ROOM

BAKI.

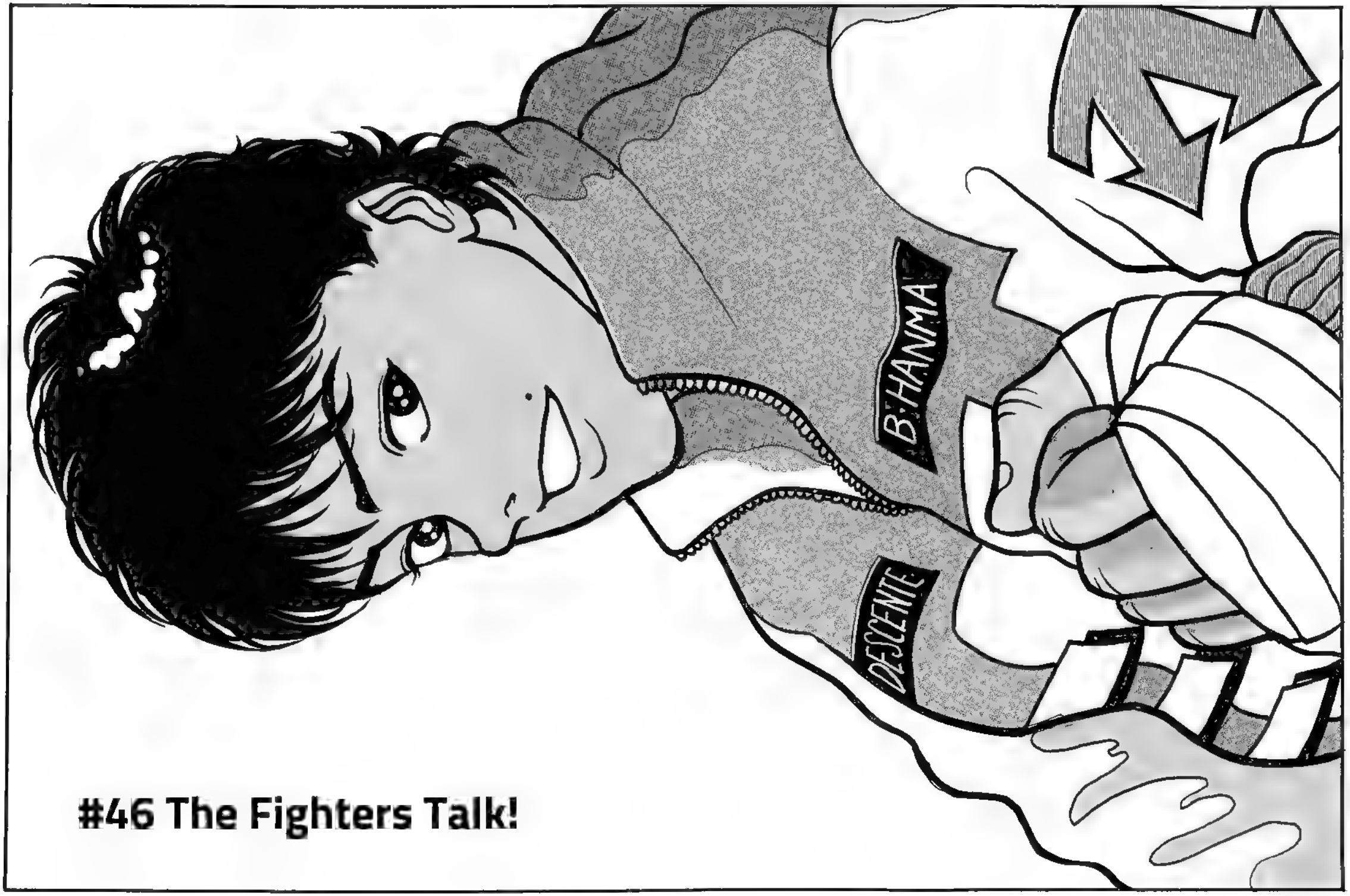
...
THINGS ARE ALREADY IN MOTION.

AT ANY RATE...

I'LL KEEP SERVING IT UP UNTIL HE GETS *FOOD POISONING* ...

...BUT IF HE HUNGERS FOR DESTRUCTION, I'LL FEED HIM LIKE A *FIRST-CLASS CHEF.*

I KNOW YOU MUST HAVE MIXED EMOTIONS ABOUT ALL THIS...



#46 The Fighters Talk!

FIGHTING IS THE BEST MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. NOT EVEN *SEX* CAN MATCH IT.

CH- CHAMP !!!

YES... THAT'S IT.

S...

GR GRGRGNK...

...!

VEEEE
BRAKE

STOP THIS, PLEASE!!!

YEEK!
DOOMF

YOU DON'T EAT WHAT YOU WANT TO EAT...
HUFF
HUFF

YOU DON'T FUCK THE WOMEN YOU WANT TO FUCK...

?!

NGH ...!

NO EATING...
NO LEISURE...
NO PLEASURE...

GRK!

THROUGH ALL OF THAT, YOU'VE PAINSTAKINGLY HONED YOUR TECHNIQUE...

...WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TRAMPLE TO DUST...

IT'S THE ULTIMATE FORM OF ENTERTAIN-MENT!!!

YEEEK...

GLUG GLUG

...

KA-THUD

BAM

BAM

WORK-BOOTS

YUJIRO...

...UNTIL YOUR MATCH WITH DOPPO OROCHI?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING THIS EVERY NIGHT...

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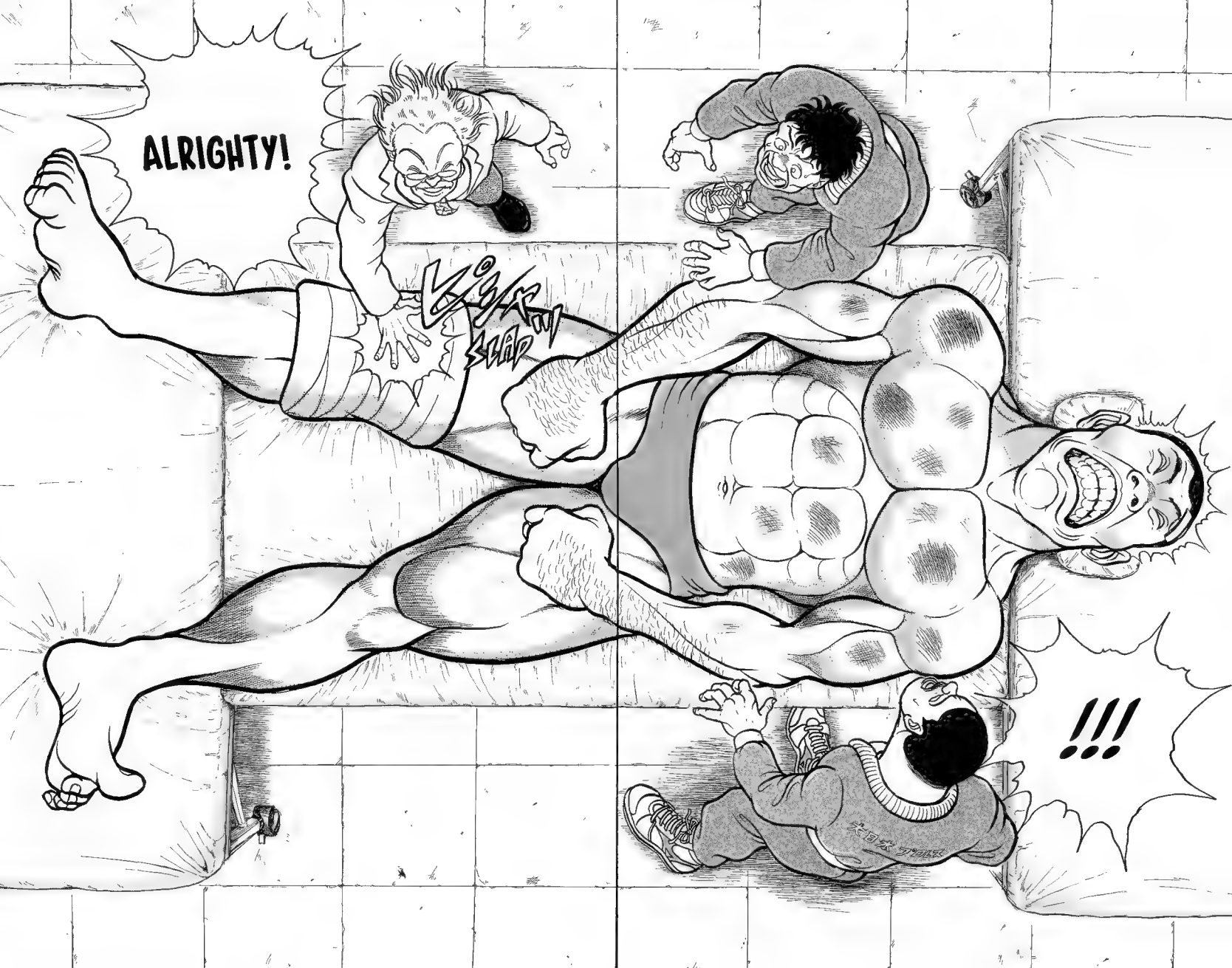
...SLEEP WELL TONIGHT.
I FEEL LIKE I'LL...


ALRIGHTY!
!!!

W-WELL, YES...

YA MEAN HIS KNEE?

SPLSH...

HOW DOES IT LOOK, SIR?

THAT BAKI IS ONE HELL OF A KID...

...

SPLSH

...BUT HE ONLY DOES DAMAGE THAT'S RECOVERABLE.

HE MAKES IT LOOK LIKE HE'S ATTACKING WITH RELENTLESS BRUTALITY...

HE DEFINITELY BROKE IT, BUT HE DID IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT'LL BE ABLE TO HEAL PROPERLY.

THAT'S WHAT HE DID TO YOUR KNEE.

I'D SAY... WITH PHYSICAL THERAPY, IT'LL BE JUST FINE IN THREE MONTHS.

HE'S COMPLETELY GOT ME BEAT.

HA HA...

!!!

HEH...

WERE YOU HERE THE WHOLE TIME?!

HA...

HANADA !!!

YOU LOOKED GOOD OUT THERE, CHAMP.

FACIN' OFF AGAINST THAT GIANT, THAT IS.

YOU GOT NOTHING LEFT TO TEACH ME NOW, OLD MAN.

THINKING ABOUT RETURNING TO THE MOTOBE SCHOOL?

THAT SAID, SEEMS I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR PRO-WRESTLING EITHER.

...AND AIM TO TAKE YOU DOWN, BAKI HANMA.

MAYBE I'LL FORM MY OWN HANADA-STYLE JUJUTSU...

MY *ONLY* SAVING GRACE IS THE JUJUTSU I LEARNED FROM THE OLD MAN, AFTER ALL!

I MEAN, YEAH, LET'S FACE FACTS.

...JUJUTSU?

HANADA-STYLE...

ビョオオオオオ
WHOOOSH

空手道
神心會館本部
SHINSHINKAI HEADQUARTERS
KARATE

OHO...

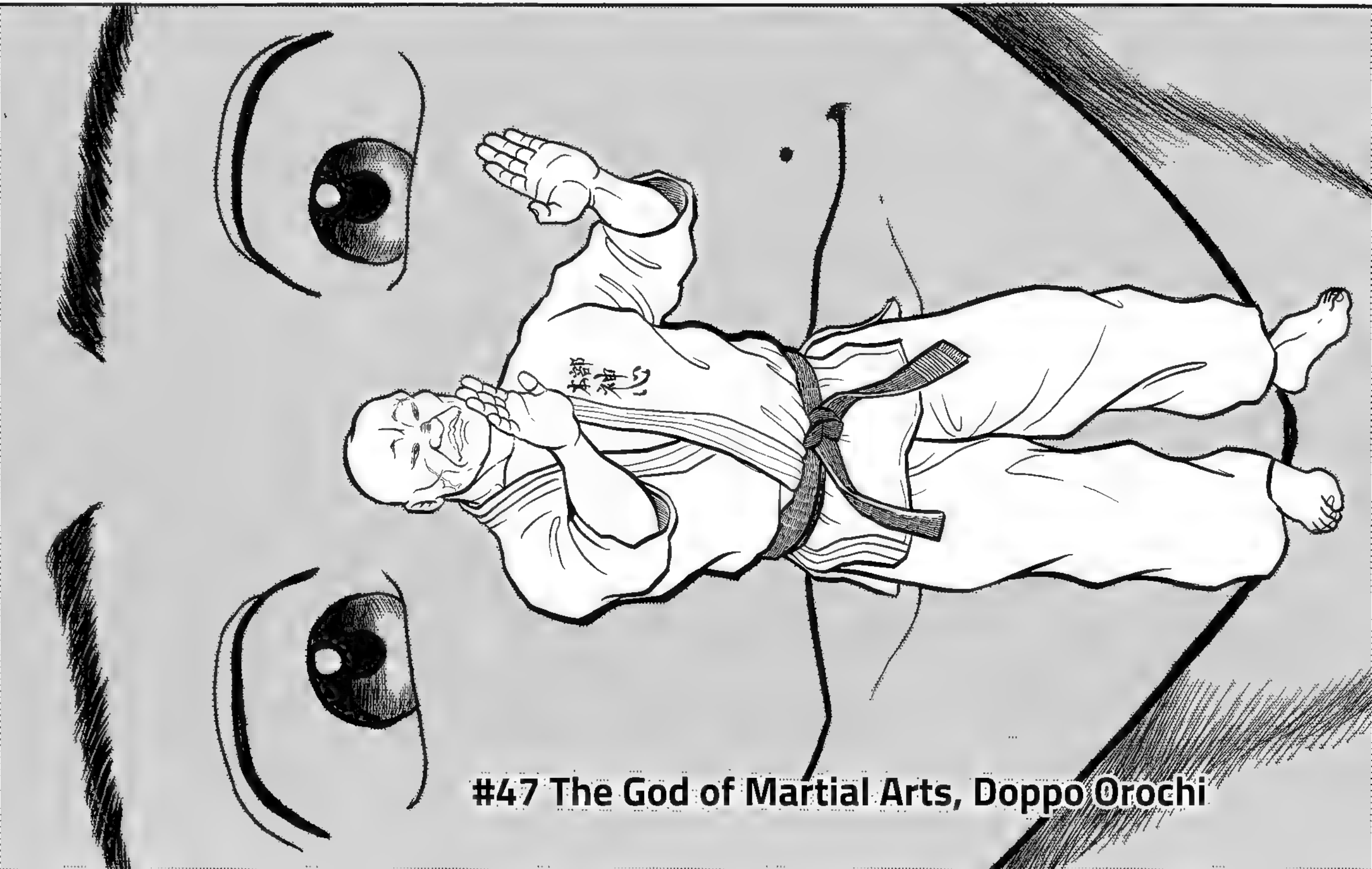
...NOT TO FIGHT YUJIRO HANMA, EH?

YOU'RE TELLING ME, DOPPO OROCHI...

YOU'RE UNDER-ESTIMATING ME, KID...

KEH HEH...

I JUST DON'T WANT ANYONE TO GET HURT NEEDLESSLY.



#47 The God of Martial Arts, Doppo Orochi

...DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST YUJIRO HANMA?

BOY, ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT I, DOPPO OROCHI...

...I KNOW THAT HE IS THE STRONGEST BEING ALIVE.

JUST LIKE HOW I KNOW THAT THE SKY IS BLUE...

YOU SPEAK LIKE YOU ALREADY KNOW IT ALL.

IT'S NOT THAT *YOU* SPECIFICALLY CAN'T BEAT HIM.

IT'S THAT ***NO ONE*** STANDS A CHANCE AGAINST HIM.

WANT TO WATCH A TRAINING SESSION?

...

...BAKI?

SO, HEY...

"MATCH"?

TODAY IS MY MATCH DAY.

UH...

IT'S A DAY WHERE ANY OF MY PUPILS MAY CHALLENGE ME, THE ONE AND ONLY DOPPO OROCHI!

A SPECIALTY OF SHINSHINKAI— THE ONCE-A-MONTH FREE FIGHT DAY!!!

IF YOU'VE GOT THE SKILLS, THEN YOU GET A CHANCE TO BEAT ME TO A PULP.

WHAAA?

TODAY IS THAT DAY...

EVERY MONTH, WE SELECT THE BEST FROM MY ONE MILLION STUDENTS AND BRING THEM TO OUR HQ.

I-I'D LOVE TO...

ZMooo

WELL?

TRAINING DOJO NO. 1

TRAINING DOJO NO. 1

PLEASE, THIS WAY ...

WHY? IT'S BECAUSE HERE EVERY STUDENT IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME THE ***STRONGEST MAN ON EARTH*** ONCE A MONTH.

WE THANK GOD FOR ALLOWING US TO BECOME STUDENTS OF THE SHINSHINKAI.

JUST WATCH.

...WHO WILL BE CHALLENGING THE STRONGEST ON EARTH.
THESE ARE THE MEN...
青
大阪
BOW!
THE DIRECTOR IS PRESENT!
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Xhoo
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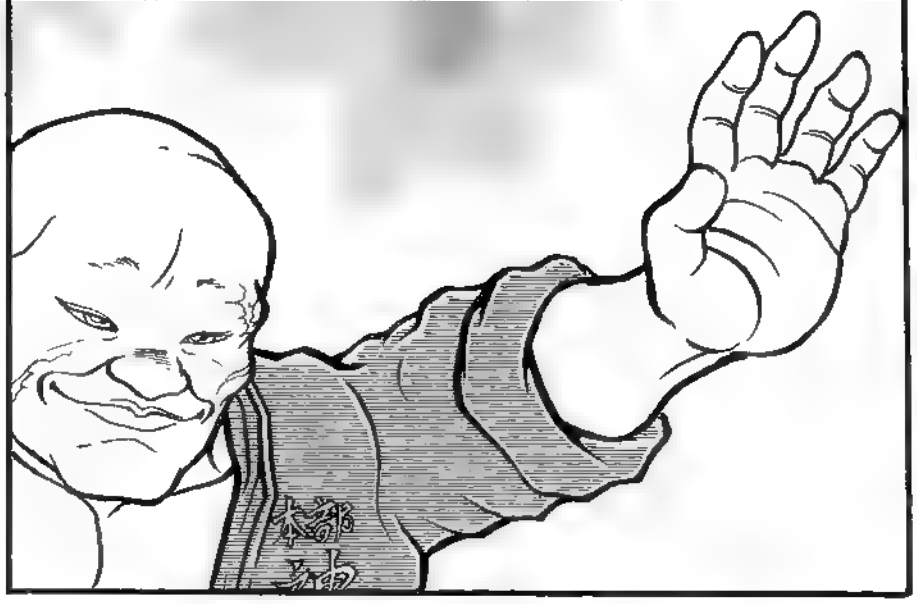

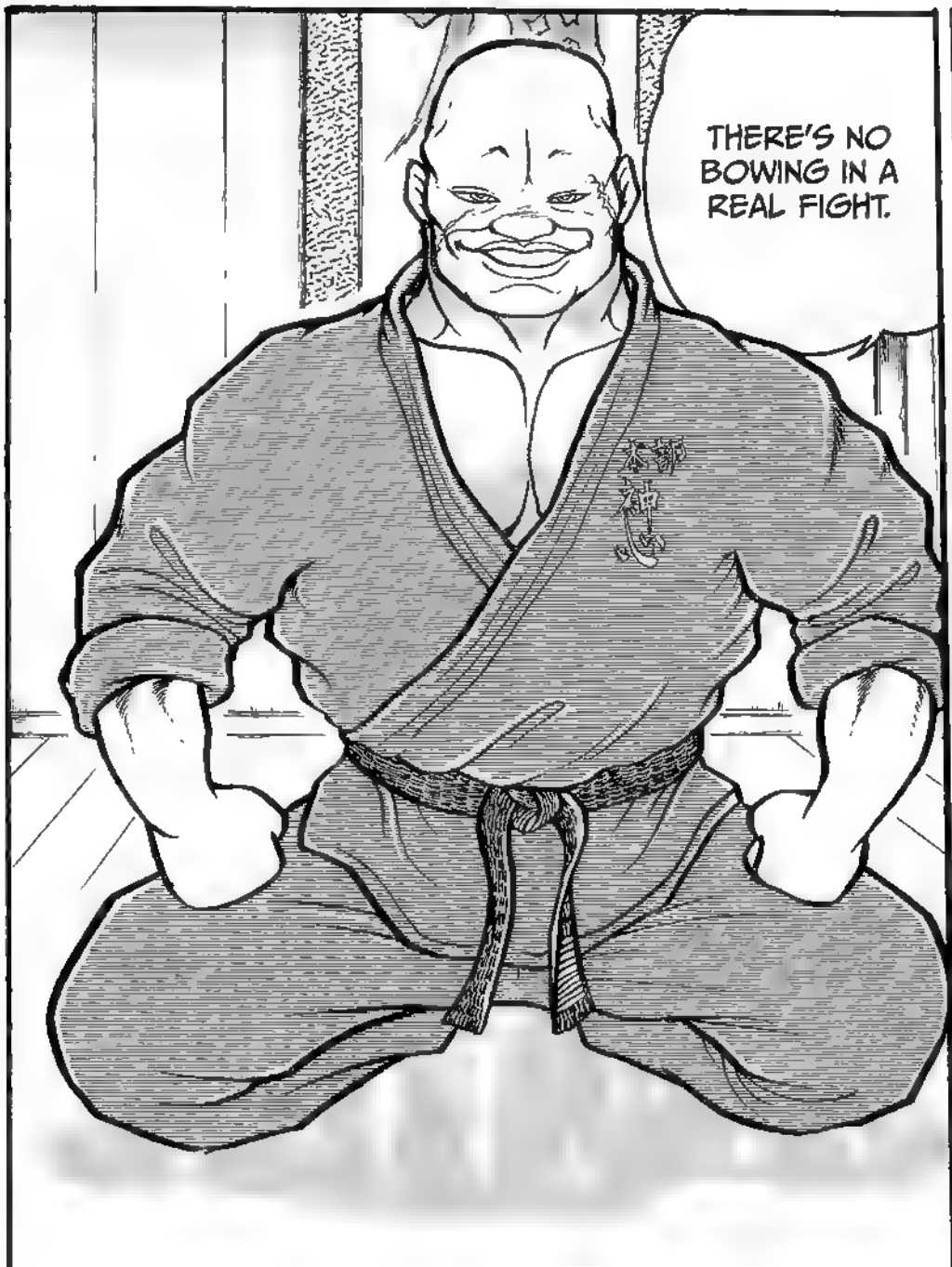
THERE'S NO BOWING IN A REAL FIGHT.

TODAY WE'RE FIGHTING.

...COME AT ME WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT.

YEESH ...

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU...

HERE I GO, SIR!

CHEE-
YAH!

KA-
SHOO

USU!

GNOH

OSU!
ビュッ
VWSH
ドッ
D'SHOOM

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DMF

...!

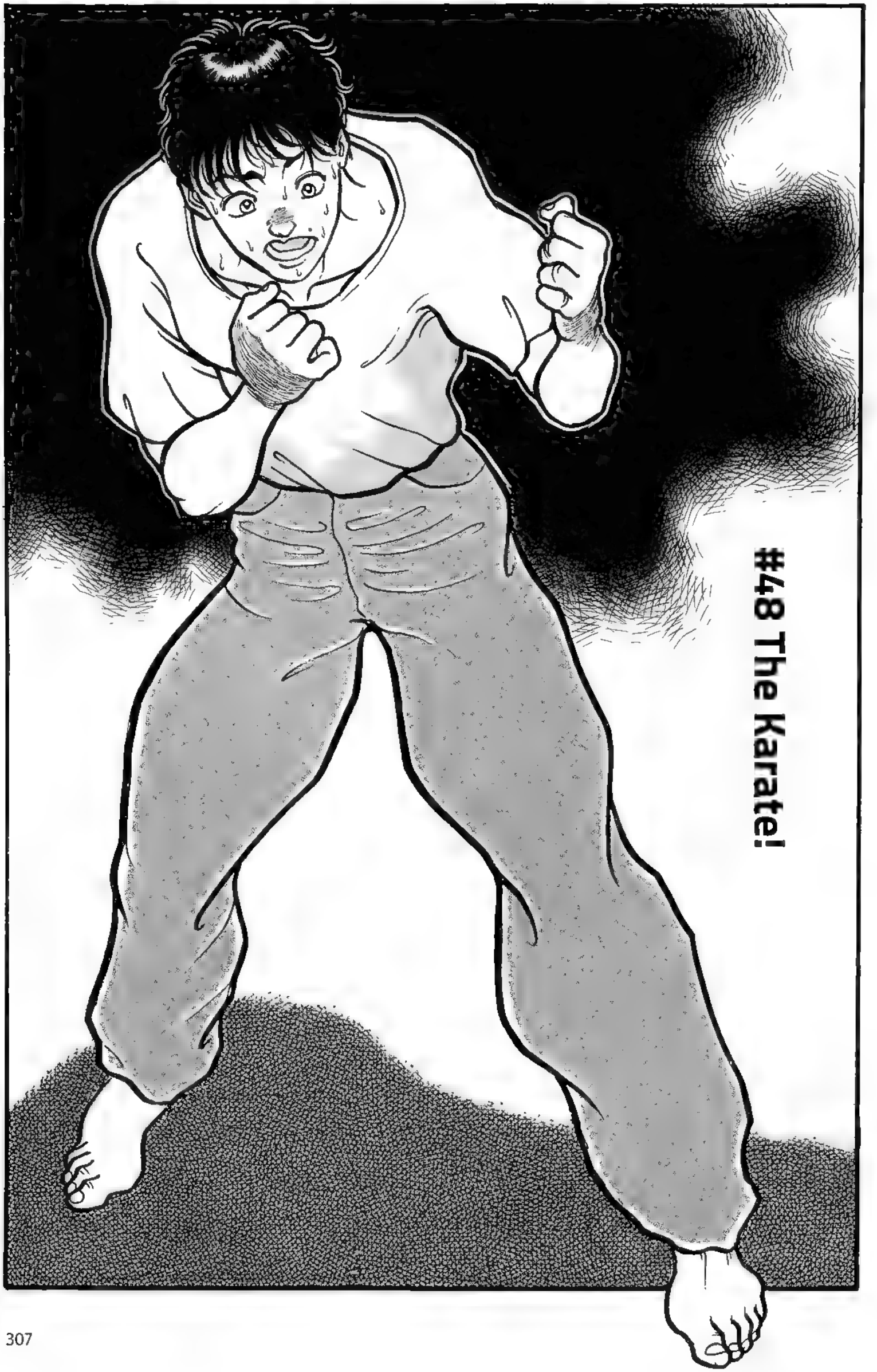
H-HE'S STRONG !!!

KA-WHAM

HEY, BAKI...

PERK

HOW ABOUT A LITTLE SPAR-RING?



#48 The Karate!

SINCE YOU MADE THE EFFORT TO COME DOWN HERE...
HEY, BAKI...

...HOW ABOUT A LITTLE SPARRING?

JUST A LITTLE BIT...

COME, NOW.

...

THIS ISN'T FAIR, DIRECTOR OROCHI.

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LOVE FIGHTING. SO IF YOU SHOW ME A MATCH LIKE THAT...

...THERE'S NO WAY I COULD TURN YOU DOWN.

THIS IS MY DOJO.

BAKI.

HEH HEH...

EVEN IF I END UP LOSING, YOU STILL WON'T WALK OUT OF HERE IN ONE PIECE.

PHEW...

IT'D BE SMART TO TURN DOWN MY OFFER...

...

HA HA... HE WAS JUST KIDDING! IT'S ALL A JOKE!

HA HA HA HA HA HA!

THE DIRECTOR CAN BE SUCH A, UH, CHARACTER... HA HA HA HA.

WH ...!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
YOU NEED TO GIVE UP ON FACING MY FATHER!
MR. OROCHI !
KA-SHOOM
CHEEEEEE

GRM
GRM...
KEH...
IF A SURPRISE ATTACK LIKE THIS WORKS, THEN GOING UP AGAINST MY FATHER IS SUICIDE!!!
HEY!
WITH THAT OUT OF THE WAY...
HUH ...?
...!

H...

...LET THE MATCH BEGIN.

...HE DIDN'T EVEN REACT TO A GROIN SHOT?!

THAT CAN'T BE...

TO OLD KARATEKA, HIDING YOUR BALLS WITHIN YOUR BODY IS JUST COMMON SENSE.

KARATEKA DON'T KNOW MUCH, EH?

ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BAKI?

BY CONTROLLING YOUR ABDOMEN, YOU CAN RETRACT YOUR TESTICLES COMPLETELY INTO YOUR GUT.

IT'S A TECHNIQUE FROM RYUKYU KARATE, PASSED DOWN SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, CALLED "KOTSUKAKE."

HIDE THEM... WITHIN...

...YOUR BODY?

SNAP

THOUGH SUEDO AND SHINOGI—BOTH OF WHOM GAVE YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE— CAN'T DO THIS...

...

...THE *REAL* KARATE THAT YOU'VE YET TO EVEN SEE.

I'M GOING TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOU...

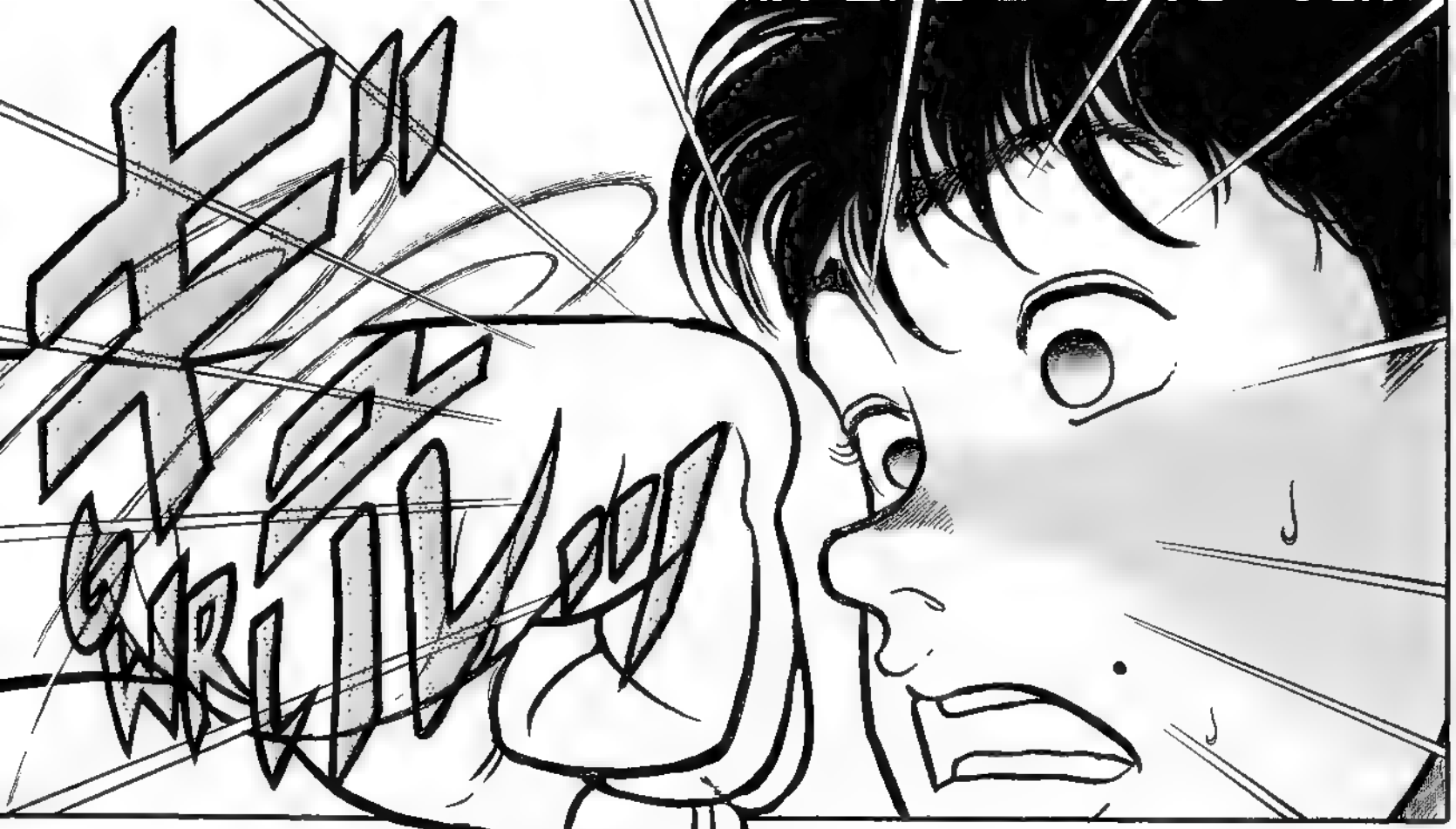
COVER YOUR FACE.

LISTEN, I'M GOING TO THROW A HIGH SEIKEN.

FOOM

I'M DOING IT NOW. READY?

...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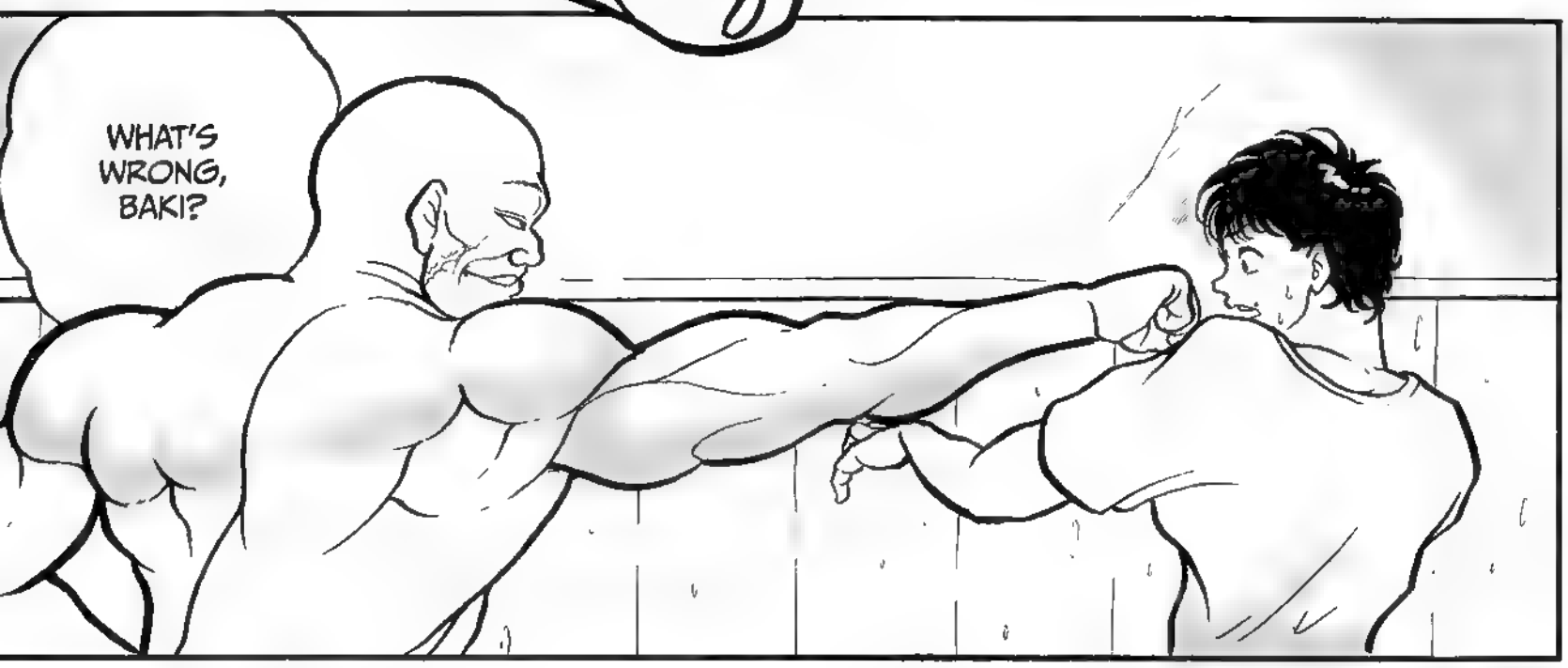

WHAT'S WRONG, BAKI?

I CAN'T MOVE...

PRETTY SURE I TOLD YOU IN ADVANCE THAT I'D HIT YOU HIGH...

I'LL THROW A FRONT KICK.

OKAY, NEXT I'LL DO A MID.

GO...

READY? HERE IT COMES ...

COVER YOUR SOLAR PLEXUS.

...!

SKRRK

!

...

トーン TMP

トーン TMP

YOU'RE GETTING HIT, BAKI.

WHA-AA?!

ヒィ!!

SKRK

SHUTO—
KNIFE-
HAND.

!!!

ヒィ!!

SKRK

NUKITE—
STAB.

SKRK

URAKEN—
BACKFIST...

WAIT!

WAIT
JUST A
SECOND
!!!

SKRK

SOKUTO—
FOOT-EDGE.

WHA ?!

...

WHY CAN'T I MOVE OUT OF THE WAY?!

YOU SEE...

Y-YES...

FEELS STRANGE, DOESN'T IT, BAKI...?

ASTONISHING, ISN'T IT?

...

THE BASIC TECHNIQUES I JUST SHOWED YOU...

...FOR THE PAST FIFTY YEARS, I HAVE PRACTICED THEM A THOUSAND TIMES EVERY SINGLE DAY.

ANY IDIOT WHO CAN STICK TO THAT TRAINING REGIMEN CAN PULL OFF WHAT I JUST DID.

LET'S SEE, ONE YEAR HAS 365 DAYS... WHICH MEANS A THOUSAND WOULD BE...

C'MON, NOW.

EVEN IF YOUR OPPONENT IS THE CHAMPION OF THE UNDERGROUND ARENA.

AMAZING !!!

GRAB

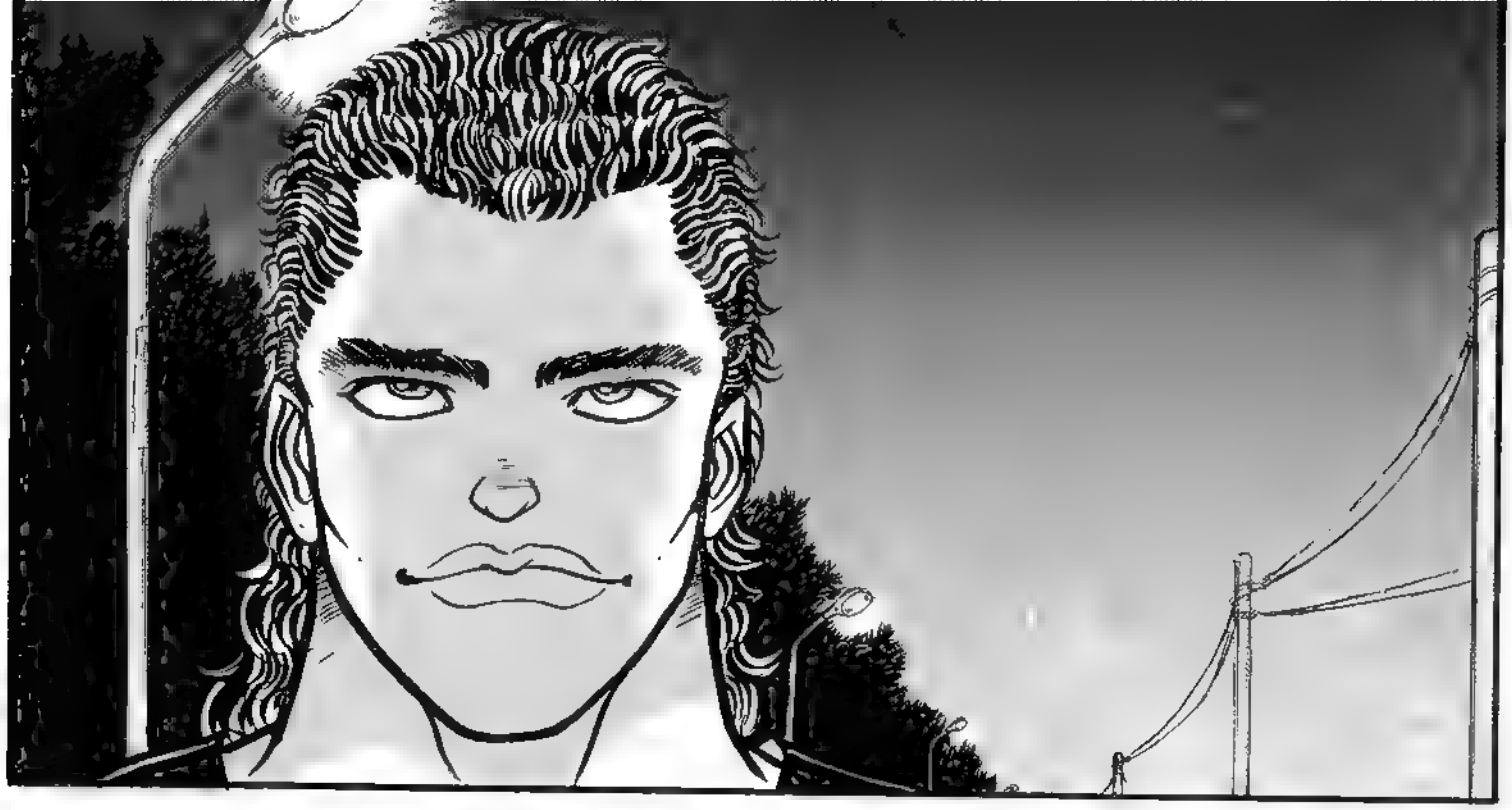
DIRECTOR OROCHI...

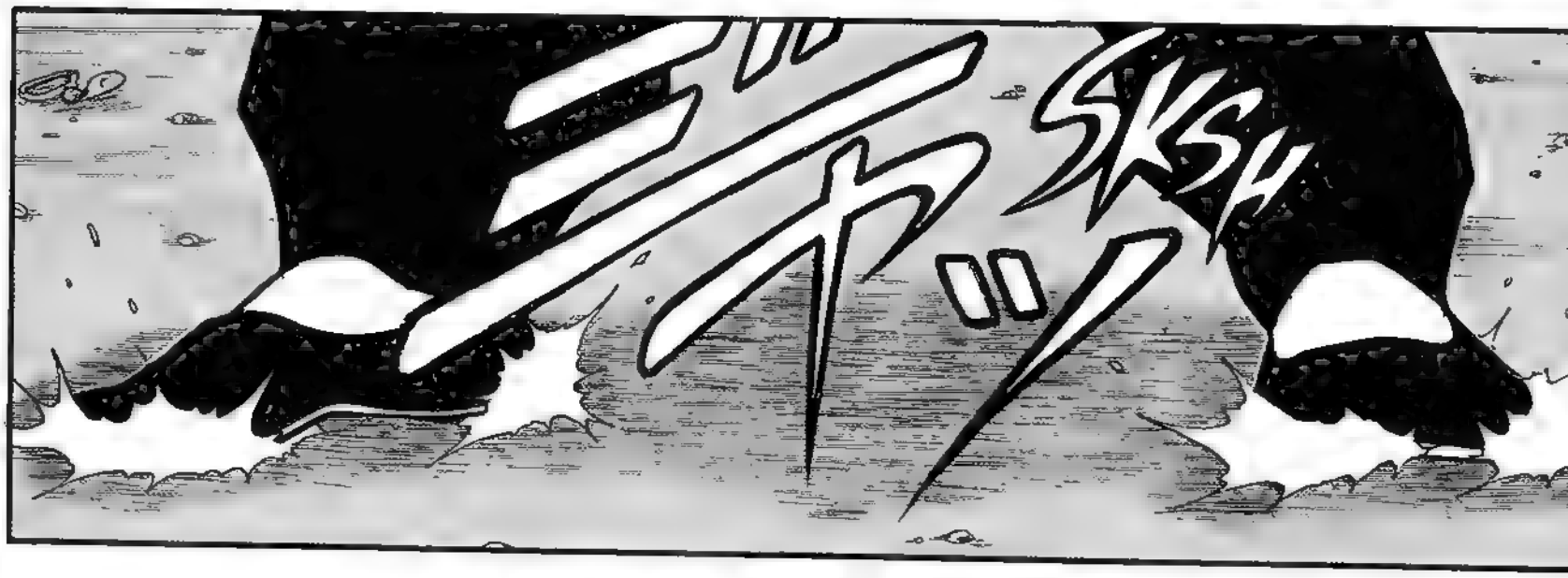
HA HA...

YOU MIGHT REALLY BE ABLE TO BEAT MY FATHER!

WE DON'T DIVE INTO LOSING BATTLES.

MARTIAL ARTISTS AREN'T KAMIKAZE PILOTS.

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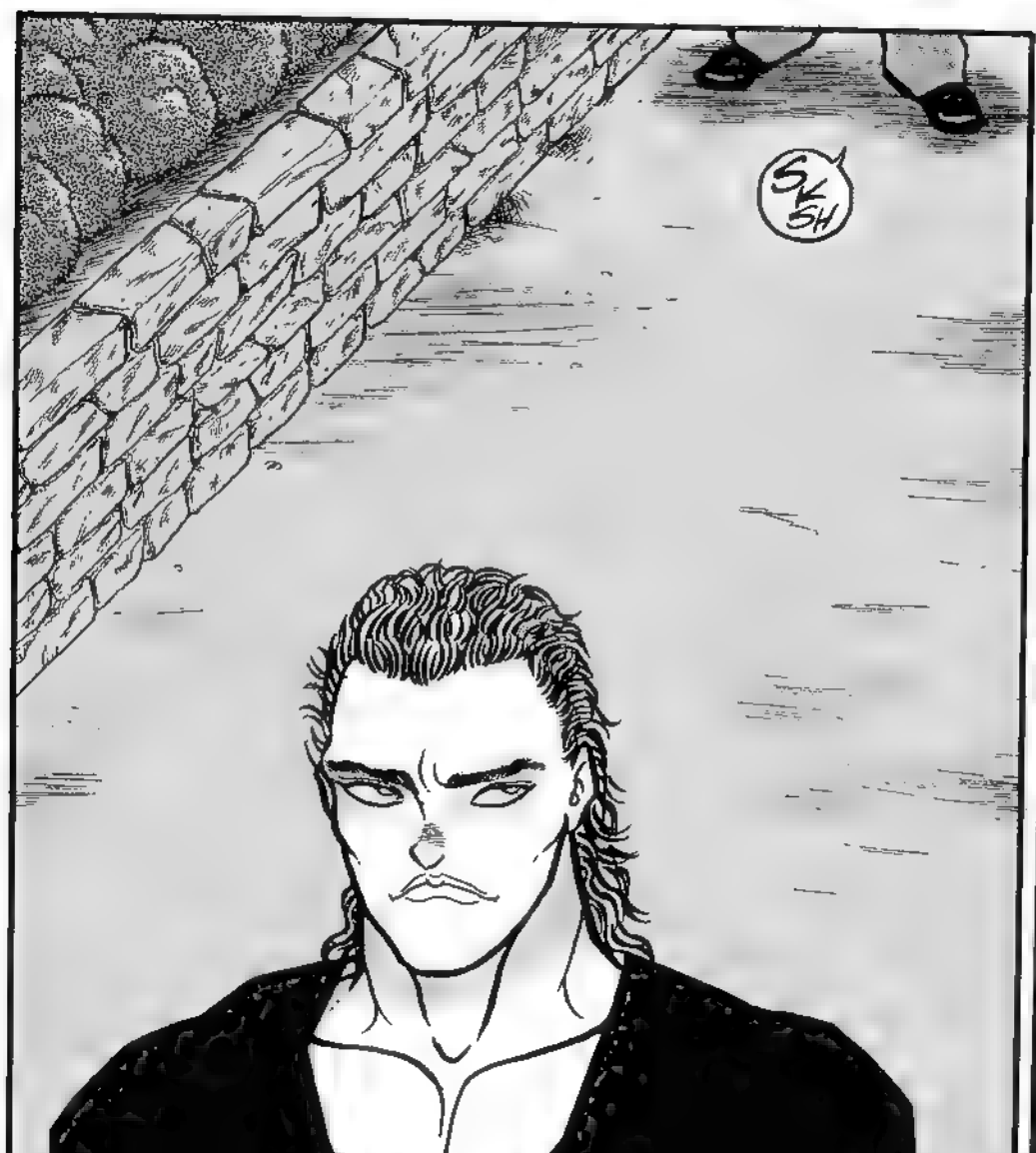
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WHAT DO YOU WANT...

SKSH

EVEN *YOU* ARE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE WITH *MAN-EATER* OROCHI.

...IZO MOTOBE ?

KEH HEH... AND...?

FOR WHAT HAPPENED EIGHT YEARS AGO...

I NEED TO GET MY PAYBACK BEFORE HE GETS HIS.

SKSH

NO MARTIAL ARTIST WOULD EVER PICK A LOSING FIGHT...

CAN *YOU* BEAT *ME?*

#49 Outdoor Bout

I WANT PAYBACK FOR EIGHT YEARS AGO...

EIGHT YEARS AGO, YOU COULDN'T EVEN TOUCH ME.

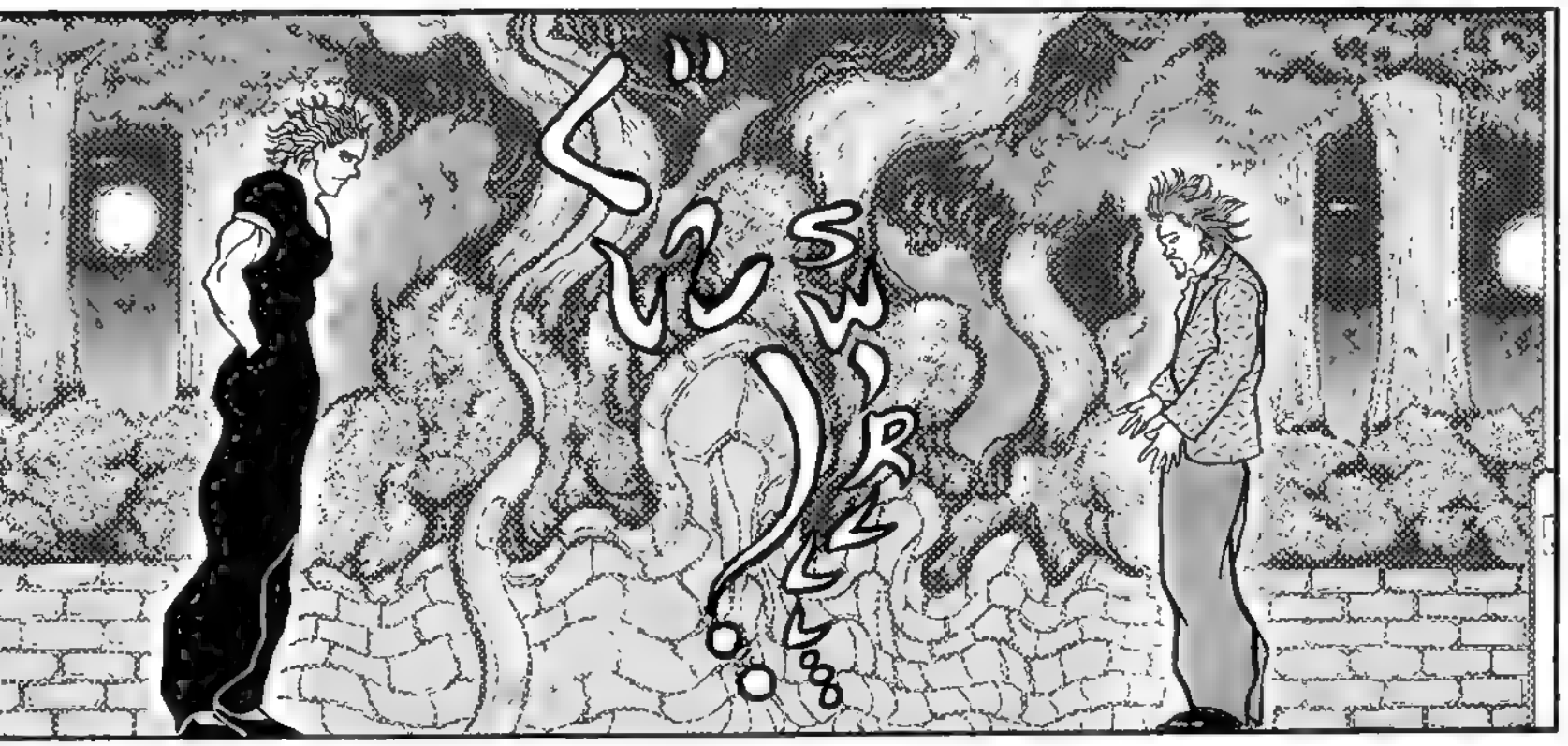
CAN YOU BEAT ME?

GRIN ooo

THAT VANITY OF YOURS...

WHY WOULD A LION EVER FEAR A HARE?

...IS YOUR GREATEST WEAK-NESS.



HEH HEH...

THIS PARK IS IDEAL FOR THIS.

...DURING MY MEAL.

I SIMPLY DON'T WANT ANY INTERRUPTIONS ...

AFRAID TO FACE A JUJUTSUKA OVER CONCRETE?

CREE... CREE...

CREE... CREE...

NOW...

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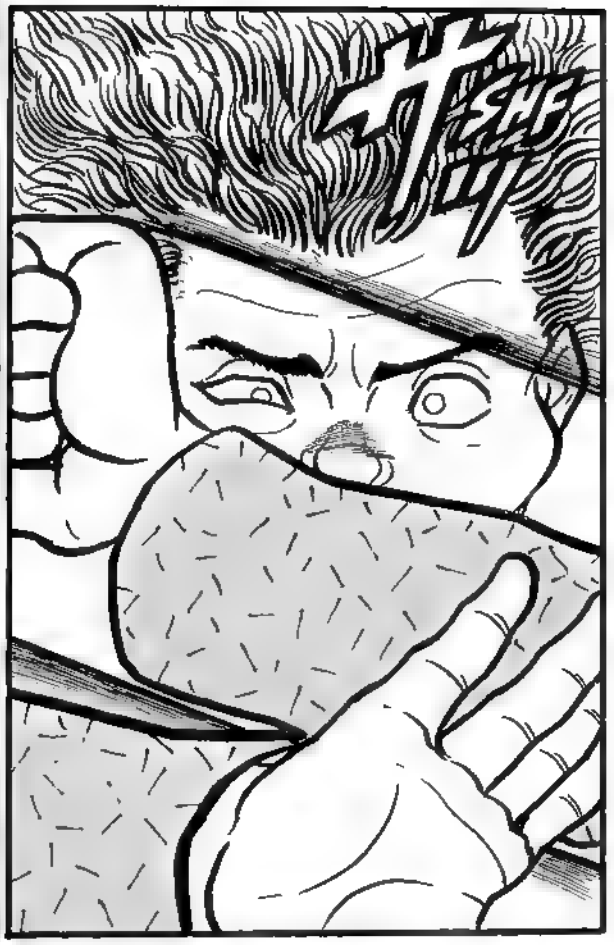
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WHAM!!!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVEN TOUCHED ME...

SWISH

EVER SINCE THE DAY WHEN I SUFFERED DEFEAT BY YOUR HANDS...

THAT WAS JUST A LITTLE HELLO ...

...WITH CONQUERING ANY AND ALL STRIKING MOVES...

...I HAVE BEEN UTTERLY OBSESSED...

...I FINALLY...

AFTER USING MY OWN BODY AS A TEST SUBJECT FOR SIX WHOLE YEARS...

GRANTED, BY THE TIME I DID IT, I HAD A MOUTH FULL OF DENTURES...

...MANAGED TO CAPTURE ALL STRIKES.

SWISH

!!!

TSH

WOOSH

PWAP

SHOOF

I COULDN'T EVEN PERCEIVE YOUR STRIKES EIGHT YEARS AGO, BUT NOW I CAN *SEE THEM ALL PERFECTLY!!!*
I CAN SEE THEM...

WELL DONE, IZO MOTOBE...

ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOUR EFFORTS...

...

I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU'VE IMPROVED SO MUCH...

...THE REWARD THEY DESERVE.

...

...

YOU...

APPLY WHATEVER MOVE YOU WANT TO IT.

HAVEN'T YOU DREAMT OF COUNTERING THIS FIST?

WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU DAMN FOOL !!!

GINGH

SHP

?

SHRP...

SHP...

SHRIP

SHRIP

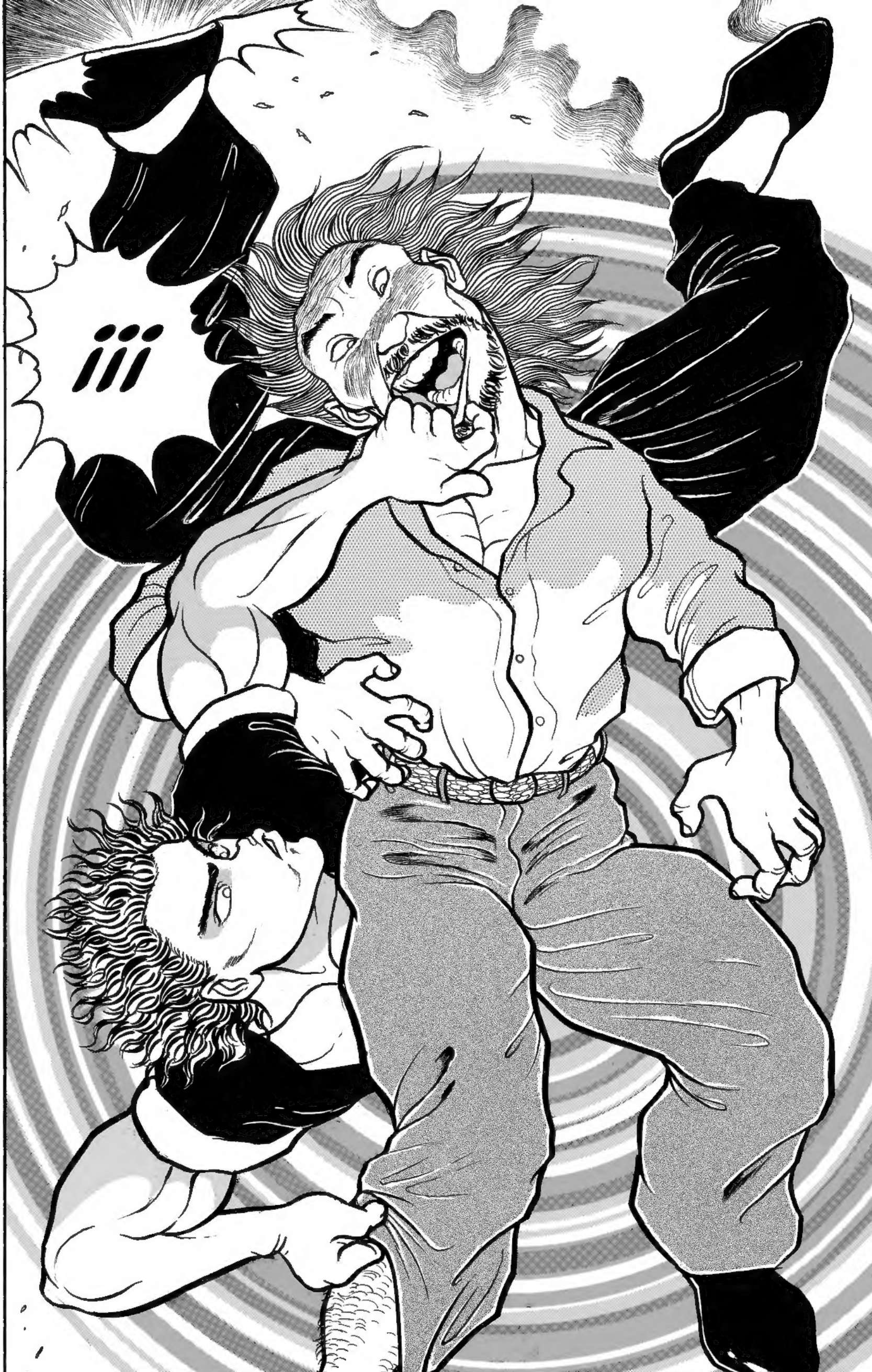
SHRIP

SHRIP

W-WHAT THE HELL IS THAT ON YOUR BACK...?!

!!!

GRAB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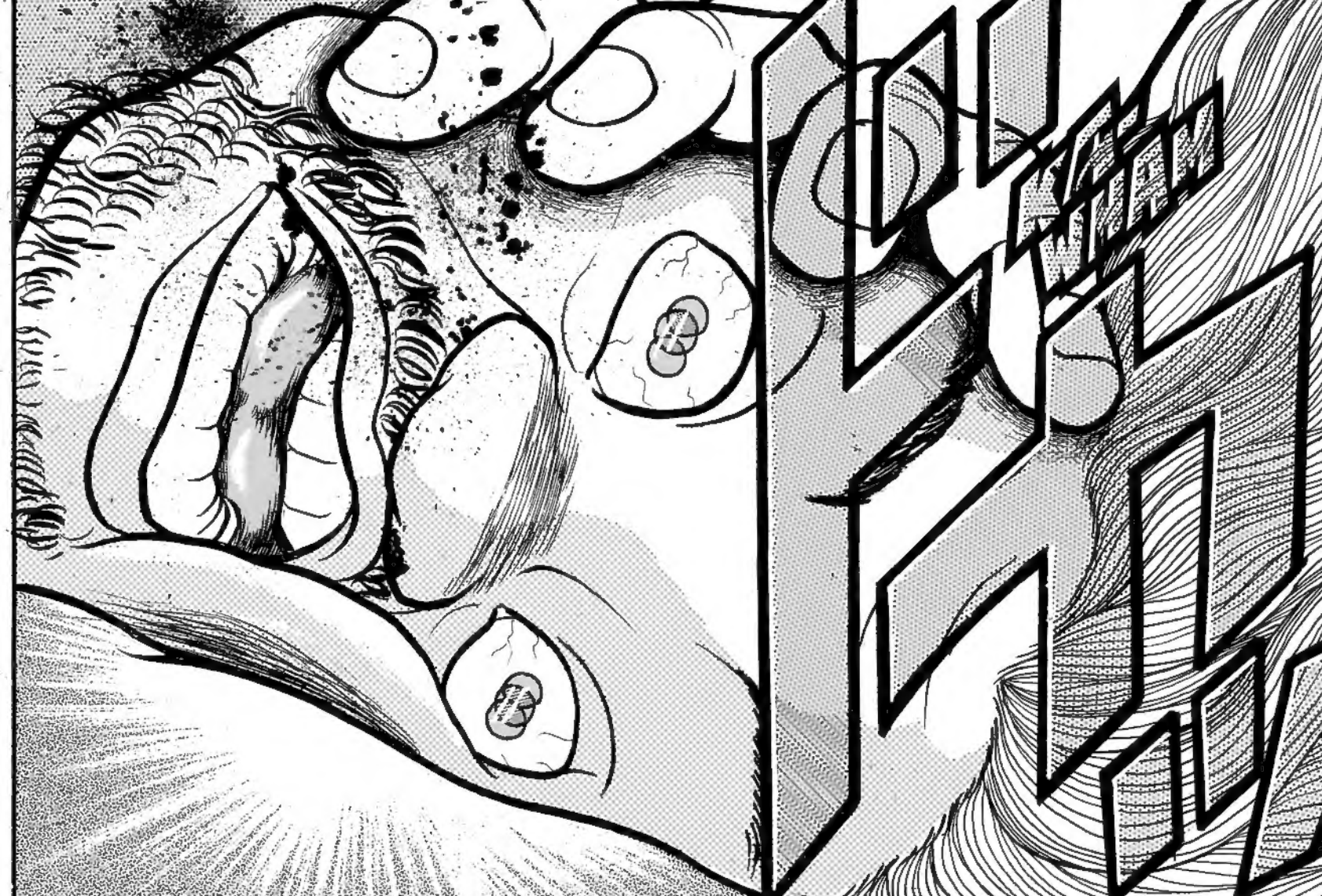
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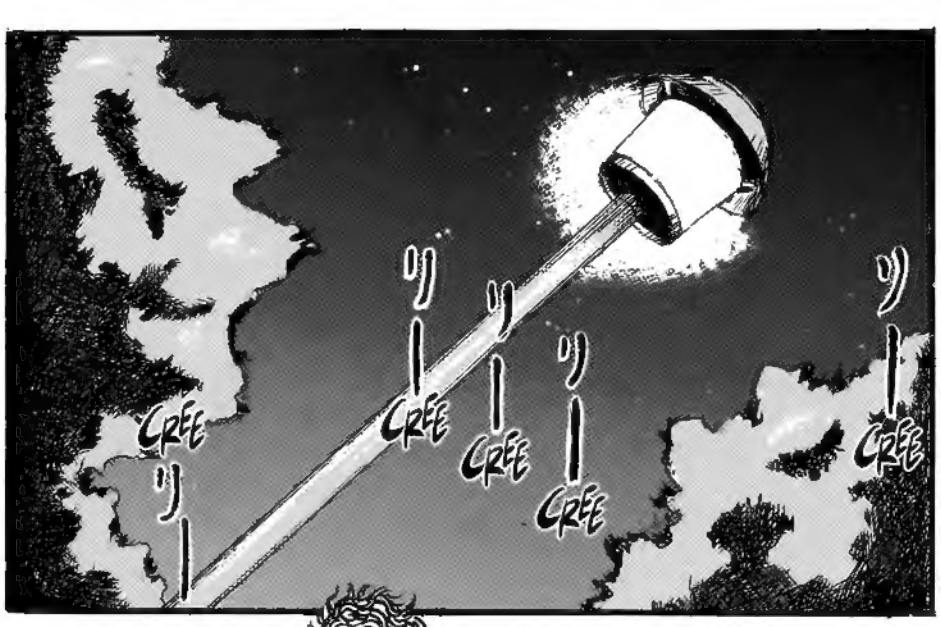
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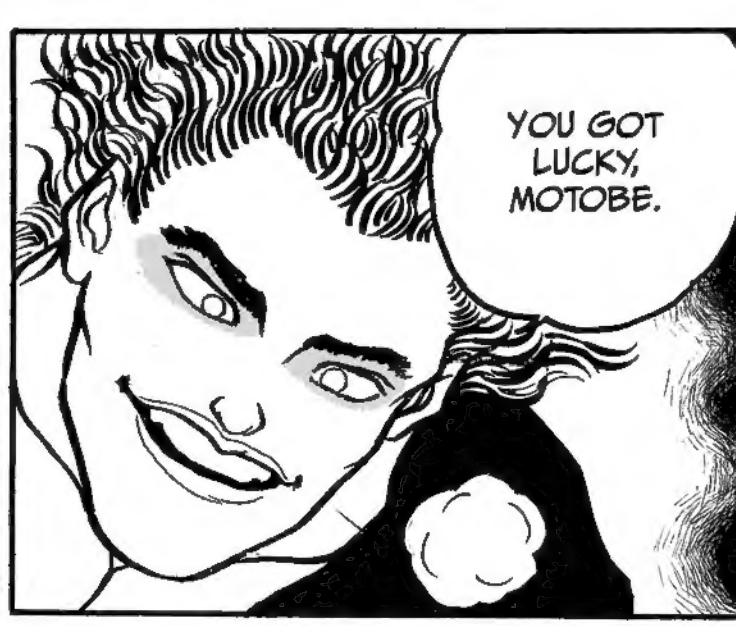
YOU GOT LUCKY, MOTOBE.

THAT WE *WEREN'T* ON THE CONCRETE, THAT IS...
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